

3-SULFONYLAMINO-PYRROLIDINE-2-ONE DERIVATIVES AS INHIBITORS OF FACTOR XA

Field of the Invention

- 5 The present invention relates to a novel class of chemical compounds, to processes for their preparation, to pharmaceutical compositions containing them and to their use in medicine, particularly use in the amelioration of a clinical condition for which a Factor Xa inhibitor is indicated.

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Background of the Invention

Factor Xa is a member of the trypsin-like serine protease class of enzymes. It is a key enzyme in the coagulation cascade. A one-to-one binding of Factors Xa and Va with calcium ions and phospholipid converts prothrombin into thrombin. Thrombin plays a central role in the mechanism of blood coagulation by converting the soluble plasma protein, fibrinogen, into insoluble fibrin. The insoluble fibrin matrix is required for the stabilisation of the primary hemostatic plug. Many significant disease states are related to abnormal hemostasis. With respect to the coronary arterial vasculature, abnormal thrombus formation due to the rupture of an established atherosclerotic plaque is the major cause of acute myocardial infarction and unstable angina. Both treatment of an occlusive coronary thrombus by thrombolytic therapy and percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA) are often accompanied by an acute thrombotic reclosure of the affected vessel which requires immediate resolution. With respect to the venous vasculature, a high percentage of patients undergoing major surgery in the lower extremities or the abdominal area suffer from thrombus formation in the venous vasculature which can result in reduced blood flow to the affected extremity and a predisposition to pulmonary embolism. Disseminated intravascular coagulopathy commonly occurs within both vascular systems during septic shock, certain viral infections and cancer and is characterised by the rapid consumption of coagulation factors and systemic coagulation which results in the formation of life-threatening thrombi occurring throughout the vasculature leading to widespread organ failure. Beyond its direct role in the formation of fibrin rich blood clots, thrombin has been reported to have profound bioregulatory effects on a number of cellular components within the vasculature and blood, (Shuman, M.A., Ann. NY Acad. Sci., 405: 349 (1986)).

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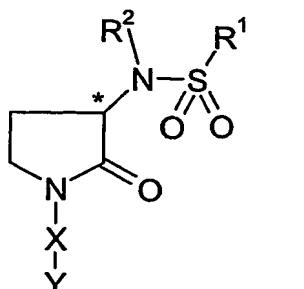
A Factor Xa inhibitor may be useful in the treatment of acute vascular diseases such as acute coronary syndromes (for example primary and secondary prevention of myocardial infarction and unstable angina and treatment of prothrombotic sequelae associated with myocardial infarction or heart failure), thromboembolism, acute vessel closure associated

with thrombolytic therapy and percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty, transient ischemic attacks, pulmonary embolism, deep vein thrombosis, peripheral arterial occlusion, prevention of vessel luminal narrowing (restenosis), and the prevention of thromboembolic events associated with atrial fibrillation, e.g. stroke. Factor Xa inhibitors 5 may also be useful in preventing thrombosis and complications in patients genetically predisposed to arterial thrombosis or venous thrombosis and patients that have a disease-associated predisposition to thrombosis (e.g. type 2 diabetics). Thrombin has been reported to contribute to lung fibroblast proliferation, thus, Factor Xa inhibitors could be useful for the treatment of some pulmonary fibrotic diseases. Factor Xa inhibitors could 10 also be useful in the treatment of tumour metastasis, by suppressing coagulation and thus preventing fibrin deposition and its concommittant facilitation of metastasis. A Factor Xa inhibitor may also have utility as an anti-inflammatory agent through its inhibition of FXa mediated activation of protease-activated receptors (PARs 1 and 2). A Factor Xa inhibitor may also have utility as an anti-atherosclerotic agent through the suppression of platelet- 15 activation. Thrombin can induce neurite retraction and thus Factor Xa inhibitors may have potential in neurogenerative diseases such as Parkinson's and Alzheimer's disease. Factor Xa inhibitors may also have utility as anticoagulant agents in connection with the preparation, storage, fractionation or use of whole blood. They have also been reported for use in conjunction with thrombolytic agents, thus permitting the use of a lower dose of 20 thrombolytic agent.

Description of the Invention

The present invention provides compounds of formula (I):

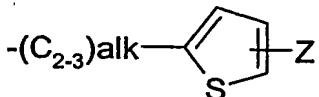
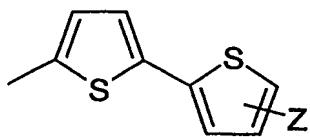
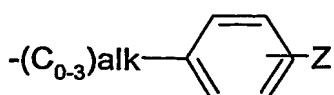
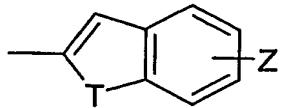
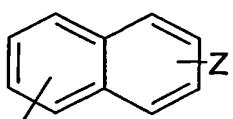
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(I)

wherein:

R^1 represents a group selected from:



each ring of which optionally contains a further heteroatom N,

Z represents an optional substituent halogen,

alk represents alkylene or alkenylene,

5 T represents S, O or NH;

R^2 represents hydrogen, $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-C_{1-3}$ alkylCONR^aR^b, $-C_{1-3}$ alkylCO₂C₁₋₄alkyl, $-CO_2C_{1-4}$ alkyl or $-C_{1-3}$ alkylCO₂H;

10 R^a and R^b independently represent hydrogen, $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, or together with the N atom to which they are bonded form a 5-, 6- or 7- membered non-aromatic heterocyclic ring optionally containing an additional heteroatom selected from O, N and S, optionally substituted by C_{1-4} alkyl, and optionally the S heteroatom is substituted by O, i.e. represents S(O)_n;

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n represents 0-2;

X represents phenyl or a 5- or 6- membered aromatic heterocyclic group containing at least one heteroatom selected from O, N or S, each of which is optionally substituted by 0-

20 2 groups selected from: halogen, $-C_{1-4}$ alkyl, $-C_{2-4}$ alkenyl, -CN, $-CF_3$, $-NR^aR^b$, $-C_{0-4}$ alkylOR^e, $-C(O)R^f$ and $-C(O)NR^aR^b$;

R^e represents hydrogen or $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl;

25 R^f represents $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl;

Y represents a group $-C(R^x)(R^z)C_{0-2}alkylNR^cR^d$;

R^x represents C₁₋₄alkyl optionally substituted by halogen (e.g. CF₃, -CH₂CF₃);

5 R^z represents hydrogen or C₁₋₄alkyl optionally substituted by halogen (e.g. CF₃, -CH₂CF₃);

R^c and R^d independently represent hydrogen, -C₁₋₆alkyl, -C₁₋₄alkyloxy, or together with the N atom to which they are bonded form a 4-, 5-, 6- or 7- membered non-aromatic heterocyclic ring, the 5-, 6- or 7- membered non-aromatic heterocyclic ring optionally containing an additional heteroatom selected from O, N or S, optionally substituted by C₁₋₄alkyl;
 10 and/or pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof.

Further aspects of the invention are:

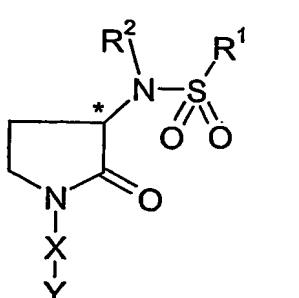
15 - A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of the invention together with a pharmaceutical carrier and/or excipient.

- A compound of the invention for use in therapy.

- Use of a compound of the invention for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of a patient suffering from a condition susceptible to amelioration by a Factor Xa inhibitor.

- A method of treating a patient suffering from a condition susceptible to amelioration by a Factor Xa inhibitor comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of the invention.

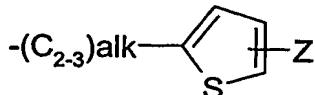
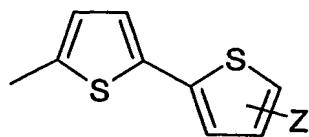
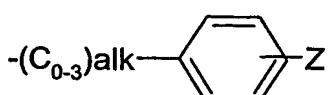
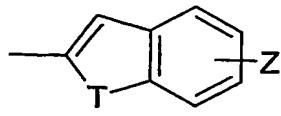
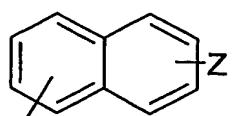
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5 T represents S, O or NH;

R² represents hydrogen, -C₁₋₆alkyl, -C₁₋₃alkylCONR^aR^b, -C₁₋₃alkylCO₂C₁₋₄alkyl, -CO₂C₁₋₄alkyl or -C₁₋₃alkylCO₂H;

10 R^a and R^b independently represent hydrogen, -C₁₋₆alkyl, or together with the N atom to which they are bonded form a 5-, 6- or 7- membered non-aromatic heterocyclic ring optionally containing an additional heteroatom selected from O, N or S, optionally substituted by C₁₋₄alkyl, and optionally the S heteroatom is substituted by O, i.e. represents S(O)_n;

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X represents phenyl or a 5- or 6- membered aromatic heterocyclic group containing at least one heteroatom selected from O, N or S, each of which is optionally substituted by 0-2 groups selected from: halogen, -C₁₋₄alkyl, -C₂₋₄alkenyl, -CN, -CF₃, -NR^aR^b, -C₀₋₄alkylOR^e, -C(O)R^f and -C(O)NR^aR^b;

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R^g represents hydrogen or -C₁₋₆alkyl;

R^f represents -C₁₋₆alkyl;

25 Y represents a group -C(R^x)(R^z)C₀₋₂alkylNR^cR^d;

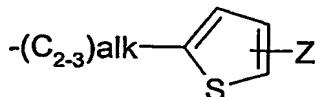
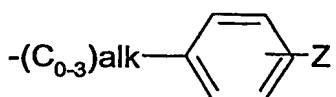
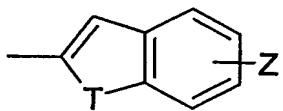
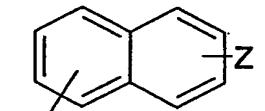
R^x represents C_{1-4} alkyl optionally substituted by halogen (e.g. CF_3 , $-CH_2CF_3$);

R^z represents hydrogen or C_{1-4} alkyl optionally substituted by halogen (e.g. CF_3 , $-CH_2CF_3$);

- 5 R^c and R^d independently represent hydrogen, $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-C_{1-4}$ alkyloOH, or together with the N atom to which they are bonded form a 5- or 6-membered non-aromatic heterocyclic ring optionally containing an additional heteroatom selected from O, N or S, optionally substituted by C_{1-4} alkyl;
and pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives thereof.

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In one aspect of the invention, R^1 represents a group selected from:

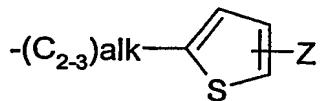
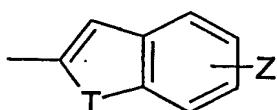
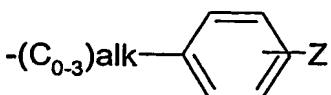


each ring of which optionally contains a further heteroatom N,
Z represents an optional substituent halogen,

15 alk represents alkylene or alkenylene,

T represents S, O or NH.

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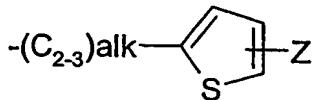
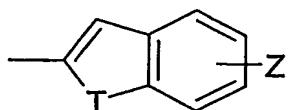


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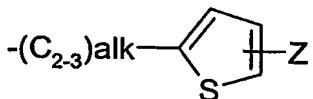
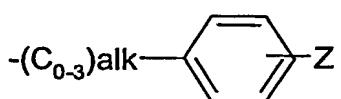
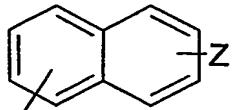
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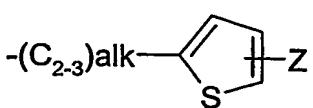
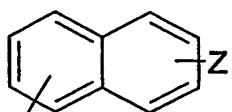
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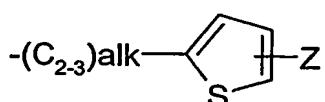
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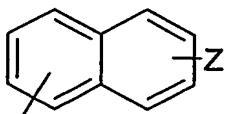
15 Z represents an optional substituent halogen,
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5 In one aspect of the invention, T represents S.

In one aspect of the invention, R² represents hydrogen.

In one aspect of the invention, R^a and R^b independently represent hydrogen or -C₁₋₆alkyl.

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In one aspect of the invention, n represents 0-2.

In one aspect of the invention, X represents phenyl or a 5- or 6- membered aromatic heterocyclic group containing at least one heteroatom selected from O, N or S, each of 15 which is optionally substituted by 0-2 groups selected from: halogen, -C₁₋₄alkyl and -NR^aR^b. In another aspect, X represents phenyl which is optionally substituted by 0-2 groups selected from: halogen, -C₁₋₄alkyl and -NR^aR^b. In another aspect, X represents phenyl substituted by 0-2 halogen groups. In another aspect, X represents phenyl substituted by 1-2 halogen groups. In another aspect, X represents phenyl substituted by 20 a halogen. In another aspect, X represents phenyl substituted by a fluorine.

In one aspect of the invention, Y represents a group -C(R^x)(R^z)NR^cR^d. In another aspect, Y represents a group -C₂₋₃alkyNR^cR^d. In another aspect, Y represents -C(CH₃)-NR^cR^d.

25 In one aspect of the invention, R^x represents C₁₋₄alkyl. In another aspect, R^x represents methyl.

In one aspect of the invention R^z represents hydrogen or C₁₋₄alkyl. In another aspect, R^z represents hydrogen or methyl. In another aspect, R^z represents hydrogen.

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In one aspect of the invention, R^c and R^d independently represent hydrogen, -C₁₋₆alkyl, -C₁₋₄alkyIOH, or together with the N atom to which they are bonded form a 4-, 5- or 6-membered non-aromatic heterocyclic ring, the 5- or 6- membered non-aromatic heterocyclic ring optionally containing an additional heteroatom selected from O, N or S, 35 optionally substituted by C₁₋₄alkyl. In another aspect of the invention, R^c and R^d

independently represent hydrogen, -C₁₋₄alkyl, -C₁₋₄alkyI OH, or together with the N atom to which they are bonded form a 4-, 5- or 6- membered non-aromatic heterocyclic ring, the 5- or 6- membered non-aromatic heterocyclic ring optionally containing an additional heteroatom selected from O, N or S. In another aspect of the invention, R^c and R^d

5 independently represent hydrogen, -C₁₋₄alkyl, -C₁₋₄alkyI OH, or together with the N atom to which they are bonded form a 6- membered non-aromatic heterocyclic ring optionally containing an additional heteroatom selected from O, N and S. In another aspect, R^c represents methyl and R^d represents -C₁₋₄alkyl or -C₁₋₄alkyI OH, or R^c and R^d together with the N atom to which they are bonded form a 6- membered non-aromatic heterocyclic ring

10 optionally containing an additional heteroatom selected from O, N and S. In another aspect, R^c represents methyl and R^d represents -C₁₋₄alkyl or -C₁₋₄alkyI OH, or R^c and R^d together with the N atom to which they are bonded form a morpholino ring. In another aspect of the invention, R^c and R^d independently represent hydrogen, -C₁₋₄alkyl, or together with the N atom to which they are bonded form a 4-, 5- or 6- membered non-

15 aromatic heterocyclic ring. In another aspect of the invention, R^c and R^d together with the N atom to which they are bonded form a 4-, 5- or 6- membered non-aromatic heterocyclic ring, e.g. azetidine. In another aspect of the invention, R^c and R^d independently represent hydrogen or -C₁₋₄alkyl. In another aspect of the invention, R^c represents -C₁₋₄alkyl and R^d represents hydrogen. In another aspect, R^c and R^d both represent methyl. It is to be

20 understood that the above-mentioned optional substituent C₁₋₄alkyl may be on the 4-, 5-, 6- or 7- membered non-aromatic ring of R^c and R^d.

It is to be understood that the present invention covers all combinations of the various aspects of the invention described herein above.

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As used herein, the term "alkyl" means both straight and branched chain saturated hydrocarbon groups. Examples of alkyl groups include methyl (-CH₃), ethyl (-C₂H₅), propyl (-C₃H₇) and butyl (-C₄H₉).

30 As used herein, the term "alkylene" means both straight and branched chain saturated hydrocarbon linker groups. Examples of alkylene groups include methylene (-CH₂-), ethylene (-CH₂CH₂-) and propylene (-CH₂CH₂CH₂-).

As used herein, the term "alkenylene" means both straight and branched chain
35 unsaturated hydrocarbon linker groups, wherein the unsaturation is present only as double bonds. Examples of alkenylene groups includes ethenylene (-CH=CH-) and propenylene (-CH₂-CH=CH-).

As used herein, the term "heterocyclic group" means optionally substituted rings containing one or more heteroatoms selected from: nitrogen, sulphur and oxygen atoms. The heterocycle may be aromatic or non-aromatic, i.e., may be saturated, partially or fully unsaturated. Examples of 5-membered groups include thienyl, furanyl, pyrrolidinyl 5 thiazolyl, oxazolyl and imidazolyl. Examples of 6-membered groups include pyridyl, piperidinyl, pyrimidinyl and morpholinyl. Examples of 7- membered groups include hexamethyleneiminy. Certain heterocyclic groups, e.g. thienyl, furanyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, pyridyl and pyrimidinyl are C-linked to the rest of the molecule. Other heterocyclic groups, e.g pyrrolidinyl, imidazolyl, piperidyl, morpholinyl and hexamethyleneiminy may be C-10 linked or N-linked to the rest of the molecule.

As used herein, the term "halogen" means an atom selected from fluorine, chlorine, bromine and iodine.

15 As used herein, the term "pharmaceutically acceptable" means a compound which is suitable for pharmaceutical use.

As used herein, the term "pharmaceutically acceptable derivative", means any pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, or prodrug e.g. ester or carbamate, or salt or 20 solvate of such a prodrug, of a compound of formula (I), which upon administration to the recipient is capable of providing (directly or indirectly) a compound of formula (I), or an active metabolite or residue thereof. Exemplary pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives are salts, solvates, esters and carbamates. More exemplary pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives are salts, solvates and esters. Even more exemplary pharmaceutically 25 acceptable derivatives are salts and solvates.

Suitable salts according to the invention may include those formed with both organic and inorganic acids and bases. Pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts include those formed from mineral acids such as: hydrochloric, hydrobromic, sulphuric, phosphoric, 30 acid; and organic acids such as: citric, tartaric, lactic, pyruvic, acetic, trifluoroacetic, succinic, oxalic, formic, fumaric, maleic, oxaloacetic, methanesulphonic, ethanesulphonic, p-toluenesulphonic, benzenesulphonic and isethionic acids. Exemplary pharmaceutically acceptable salts include those formed from hydrochloric, trifluoroacetic and formic acids. Thus, in one aspect of the invention pharmaceutically acceptable salts are formic acid 35 salts.

Those skilled in the art of organic chemistry will appreciate that many organic compounds can form complexes with solvents in which they are reacted or from which they are precipitated or crystallized. These complexes are known as "solvates". For example, a

complex with water is known as a "hydrate". Solvates of the compound of formula (I) are within the scope of the invention.

Salts and solvates of compounds of formula (I) which are suitable for use in medicine may 5 be those wherein the counterion or associated solvent is pharmaceutically acceptable. However, salts and solvates having non-pharmaceutically acceptable counterions or associated solvents are within the scope of the present invention, for example, for use as intermediates in the preparation of other compounds of formula (I) and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts and solvates.

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The compounds of formula (I) contain chiral (asymmetric) centres. The individual stereoisomers (enantiomers and diastereoisomers) and mixtures of these are within the scope of the present invention. In one aspect of the invention, the stereochemistry is (S) at the 3-position on the 2-oxopyrrolidine ring (as indicated by the symbol *).

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As used herein, the term "prodrug" means a compound which is converted within the body, e.g. by hydrolysis in the blood, into its active form that has medical effects. Pharmaceutically acceptable prodrugs are described in T. Higuchi and V. Stella, Prodrugs as Novel Delivery Systems, Vol. 14 of the A.C.S. Symposium Series, Edward B. Roche, 20 ed., Bioreversible Carriers in Drug Design, American Pharmaceutical Association and Pergamon Press, 1987, and in D. Fleisher, S. Ramon and H. Barbra "Improved oral drug delivery: solubility limitations overcome by the use of prodrugs", Advanced Drug Delivery Reviews (1996) 19(2) 115-130, each of which are incorporated herein by reference.

25 Prodrugs are any covalently bonded carriers that release a compound of structure (I) *in vivo* when such prodrug is administered to a patient. Prodrugs are generally prepared by modifying functional groups in a way such that the modification is cleaved *in vivo* yielding the parent compound. Prodrugs may include, for example, compounds of this invention 30 wherein hydroxyl or amine groups are bonded to any group that, when administered to a patient, cleaves to form the hydroxyl or amine groups.

Esters may be active in their own right and/or be hydrolysable under *in vivo* conditions in the human body. Suitable pharmaceutically acceptable *in vivo* hydrolysable ester groups include those which break down readily in the human body to leave the parent acid or its 35 salt. An ester may be formed at a carboxylic acid (-COOH) group or a hydroxyl (-OH) group, by methods well known in the art involving reaction with the corresponding alcohol, acid, acid chloride, anhydride, or amide. For example, esters may be C₁₋₆alkyl esters, e.g. methyl esters, ethyl esters, and the like.

Exemplary compounds of the invention include:

- (*E*)-2-(5-Chloro-2-thienyl)-*N*-(1-{4-[1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)ethenesulfonamide;
- 5 (*E*)-2-(5-Chloro-2-thienyl)-*N*-(1-{2-fluoro-4-[1-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl]phenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)ethenesulfonamide;
- (*E*)-2-(5-Chloro-2-thienyl)-*N*-[1-(2-fluoro-4-{1-[(2-hydroxyethyl)(methyl)amino]ethyl}phenyl)-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl]ethenesulfonamide;
- 10 (*E*)-*N*-(1-[4-(1-Aminoethyl)-2-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-2-(5-chloro-2-thienyl)ethenesulfonamide;
- 15 6-Chloro-*N*-(1-{4-[1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-1-benzothiophene-2-sulfonamide;
- (*E*)-2-(5-Chloro-2-thienyl)-*N*-((3*S*)-1-{4-[(1*S*)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)ethenesulfonamide;
- 20 6-Chloro-*N*-(3*S*)-1-{4-[(1*S*)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-2-naphthalenesulfonamide;
- 25 6-Chloro-*N*-(3*S*)-1-{4-[(1*S*)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-1-benzothiophene-2-sulfonamide;
- (*E*)-2-(5-Chloro-2-thienyl)-*N*-((3*S*)-1-{4-[(1*R*)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)ethenesulfonamide;
- 30 6-Chloro-*N*-(3*S*)-1-{4-[(1*R*)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-2-naphthalenesulfonamide;
- 35 6-Chloro-*N*-(3*S*)-1-{4-[(1*R*)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)ethenesulfonamide;
- (*E*)-2-(5-Chloro-2-thienyl)-*N*-((3*S*)-1-{4-[(1*S*)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2,6-difluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)ethenesulfonamide;
- (*E*)-2-(5-Chloro-2-thienyl)-*N*-((3*S*)-1-{4-[(1*S*)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2,6-difluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)ethenesulfonamide;
- (*E*)-2-(5-Chloro-2-thienyl)-*N*-((3*S*)-1-{4-[1-(dimethylamino)propyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)ethenesulfonamide;
- 40 (*E*)-2-(5-Chloro-2-thienyl)-*N*-((3*S*)-1-{4-[1-(dimethylamino)-2-methylpropyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)ethenesulfonamide;
- (*E*)-2-(5-Chloro-2-thienyl)-*N*-(1-{4-[1-(dimethylamino)-1-methylethyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)ethenesulfonamide;
- 45 6-Chloro-*N*-(1-{4-[1-(dimethylamino)-1-methylethyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-2-naphthalenesulfonamide;
- 50 6-Chloro-*N*-(1-{4-[1-(dimethylamino)-1-methylethyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-1-benzothiophene-2-sulfonamide;

- 6-Chloro-*N*-(1-{4-[1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-2-naphthalenesulfonamide;
- 6-Chloro-*N*-(1-{4-[1-(ethylamino)ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-2-naphthalenesulfonamide;
- 5 6-Chloro-*N*-[1-{4-[1-[ethyl(methyl)amino]ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl]-2-naphthalenesulfonamide;
- 6-Chloro-*N*-[1-(2-fluoro-4-{1-[(1-methylethyl)amino]ethyl}phenyl)-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl]-2-naphthalenesulfonamide;
- 6-Chloro-*N*-[1-(2-fluoro-4-{1-[methyl(1-methylethyl)amino]ethyl}phenyl)-2-oxo-3-
- 10 pyrrolidinyl]-2-naphthalenesulfonamide;
- N*-(1-{4-[1-(1-Azetidinyl)ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-6-chloro-2-naphthalenesulfonamide;
- 6-Chloro-*N*-(1-{2-fluoro-4-[1-(1-pyrrolidinyl)ethyl]phenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-2-naphthalenesulfonamide;
- 15 6-Chloro-*N*-(1-{2-fluoro-4-[1-(1-piperidinyl)ethyl]phenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-2-naphthalenesulfonamide;
- 5'-Chloro-*N*-((3*S*)-1-{4-[1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-2,2'-bithiophene-5-sulfonamide;
- (E)-2-(5-Chloro-2-thienyl)-*N*-((3*S*)-1-{4-[(1*S*)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]phenyl}-2-oxo-3-
- 20 pyrrolidinyl)ethenesulfonamide;
- (E)-2-(5-Chloro-2-thienyl)-*N*-((3*S*)-1-{4-[(1*R*)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]phenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)ethenesulfonamide;
- 6-Chloro-*N*-((3*S*)-1-{4-[(1*S*)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]phenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-1-benzothiophene-2-sulfonamide;
- 25 6-Chloro-*N*-((3*S*)-1-{4-[(1*R*)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]phenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-1-benzothiophene-2-sulfonamide;
- (1*E*)-2-(5-Chloro-2-thienyl)-*N*-(1-{4-[1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2,6-difluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-1-propene-1-sulfonamide; and
- 6-Chloro-*N*-(1-{4-[1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2,6-difluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-1-
- 30 benzothiophene-2-sulfonamide.

Compounds of the invention may show advantageous properties, they may be more efficacious, may show greater selectivity, may have fewer side effects, may have a longer duration of action, may be more bioavailable by the preferred route, or may have other
35 more desirable properties than similar known compounds.

The compounds of formula (I) are Factor Xa inhibitors and as such are useful in the treatment of clinical conditions susceptible to amelioration by administration of a Factor Xa inhibitor. Such conditions may include acute vascular diseases such as acute coronary syndromes (for example primary and secondary prevention of myocardial infarction and unstable angina and treatment of prothrombotic sequelae associated with myocardial infarction or heart failure), thromboembolism, acute vessel closure associated with thrombolytic therapy and percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA), transient ischemic attacks, pulmonary embolism, deep vein thrombosis, peripheral arterial occlusion, prevention of vessel luminal narrowing (restenosis), and the prevention of thromboembolic events associated with atrial fibrillation, e.g. stroke; in preventing thrombosis and complications in patients genetically predisposed to arterial thrombosis or venous thrombosis and patients that have a disease-associated predisposition to thrombosis (e.g. type 2 diabetics); the treatment of pulmonary fibrosis; the treatment of tumour metastasis; inflammation; atherosclerosis; neurogenerative disease such as Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases; Kasabach Merritt Syndrome; Haemolytic uremic syndrome; endothelial dysfunction; as anti-coagulants for extracorporeal blood in for example, dialysis, blood filtration, bypass, and blood product storage; and in the coating of invasive devices such as prostheses, artificial valves and catheters in reducing the risk of thrombus formation.

Accordingly, one aspect of the present invention provides a compound of formula (I) and/or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof for use in medical therapy, for example, for use in the amelioration of a clinical condition in a mammal, including a human, for which a Factor Xa inhibitor is indicated.

In another aspect, the invention provides a method for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of a condition susceptible to amelioration by a Factor Xa inhibitor in a mammal, including a human, which method comprises administering to the subject an effective amount of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof.

In another aspect, the present invention provides the use of a compound of formula (I) and/or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof, for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of a condition susceptible to amelioration by a Factor Xa inhibitor.

In one aspect of the invention, the condition susceptible to amelioration by a Factor Xa inhibitor is selected from treatment of acute vascular diseases such as acute coronary syndromes (for example primary and secondary prevention of myocardial infarction and

unstable angina and treatment of prothrombotic sequelae associated with myocardial infarction or heart failure), thromboembolism, acute vessel closure associated with thrombolytic therapy and percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty, transient ischemic attacks, pulmonary embolism, deep vein thrombosis, peripheral arterial 5 occlusion, prevention of vessel luminal narrowing (restenosis), and the prevention of thromboembolic events associated with atrial fibrillation, e.g. stroke.

In another aspect, the condition susceptible to amelioration by a Factor Xa inhibitor is selected from acute coronary syndromes (for example primary and secondary prevention 10 of myocardial infarction and unstable angina and treatment of prothrombotic sequelae associated with myocardial infarction or heart failure), pulmonary embolism, deep vein thrombosis and the prevention of thromboembolic events associated with atrial fibrillation, e.g. stroke.

15 It will be appreciated that reference to treatment includes acute treatment or prophylaxis as well as the alleviation of established symptoms.

While it is possible that, for use in therapy, a compound of the present invention may be administered as the raw chemical, the active ingredient may also be presented as a 20 pharmaceutical formulation.

In a further aspect, the invention provides a pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one compound of formula (I) and/or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof in association with at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and/or excipient. The 25 carrier and/or excipient must be "acceptable" in the sense of being compatible with the other ingredients of the formulation and not deleterious to the recipient thereof.

In another aspect, the invention provides a pharmaceutical composition comprising, as active ingredient, at least one compound of formula (I) and/or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and/or excipient for use in therapy, and for example in the treatment of human or animal 30 subjects suffering from a condition susceptible to amelioration by a Factor Xa inhibitor.

There is further provided by the present invention a process of preparing a pharmaceutical 35 composition, which process comprises mixing at least one compound of formula (I) and/or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof, together with at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and/or excipient.

The compounds for use according to the present invention may be formulated for oral, buccal, parenteral, topical, rectal or transdermal administration or in a form suitable for administration by inhalation or insufflation (either through the mouth or the nose).

- 5 For oral administration, the pharmaceutical compositions may take the form of, for example, tablets or capsules prepared by conventional means with pharmaceutically acceptable excipients such as binding agents (e.g. pregelatinised maize starch, polyvinylpyrrolidone or hydroxypropyl methylcellulose); fillers (e.g. lactose, microcrystalline cellulose or calcium hydrogen phosphate); lubricants (e.g. magnesium
- 10 stearate, talc or silica); disintegrants (e.g. potato starch or sodium starch glycollate); or wetting agents (e.g. sodium lauryl sulphate). The tablets may be coated by methods well known in the art. Liquid preparations for oral administration may take the form of, for example, solutions, syrups or suspensions or they may be presented as a dry product for constitution with water or other suitable vehicles before use. Such liquid preparations may
- 15 be prepared by conventional means with pharmaceutically acceptable additives such as suspending agents (e.g. sorbitol syrup, cellulose derivatives or hydrogenated edible fats); emulsifying agents (e.g. lecithin or acacia); non-aqueous vehicles (e.g. almond oil, oily esters, ethyl alcohol or fractionated vegetable oils); and preservatives (e.g. methyl or propyl-p-hydroxybenzoates or sorbic acid). The preparations may also contain buffer
- 20 salts, flavouring, colouring and sweetening agents as appropriate.

Preparations for oral administration may be suitably formulated to give controlled/extended release of the active compound.

- 25 For buccal administration the compositions may take the form of tablets or lozenges formulated in a conventional manner.

The compounds according to the present invention may be formulated for parenteral administration by injection, e.g. by bolus injection or continuous infusion. Formulations for injection may be presented in unit dosage form, e.g. in ampoules or in multi-dose containers, with an added preservative. The compositions may take such forms as suspensions, solutions or emulsions in oily or aqueous vehicles, and may contain formulatory agents such as suspending, stabilising and/or dispersing agents. Alternatively, the active ingredient may be in powder form for constitution with a suitable vehicle, e.g.

- 35 sterile pyrogen-free water, before use.

The compounds according to the present invention may be formulated for topical administration by insufflation and inhalation. Examples of types of preparation for topical administration include sprays and aerosols for use in an inhaler or insufflator.

Powders for external application may be formed with the aid of any suitable powder base, for example, lactose, talc or starch. Spray compositions may be formulated as aqueous solutions or suspensions or as aerosols delivered from pressurised packs, such as
5 metered dose inhalers, with the use of a suitable propellant.

The compounds according to the present invention may also be formulated in rectal compositions such as suppositories or retention enemas, e.g. containing conventional suppository bases such as cocoa butter or other glycerides.
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In addition to the formulations described previously, the compounds may also be formulated as a depot preparation. Such long acting formulations may be administered by implantation (for example subcutaneously, transcutaneously or intramuscularly) or by intramuscular injection. Thus, for example, the compounds according to the present
15 invention may be formulated with suitable polymeric or hydrophobic materials (for example as an emulsion in an acceptable oil) or ion exchange resins or as sparingly soluble derivatives, for example, as a sparingly soluble salt.

A proposed dose of the compounds according to the present invention for administration
20 to a human (of approximately 70kg body weight) is 0.1mg to 1g, such as 1mg to 500mg of the active ingredient per unit dose, expressed as the weight of free base. The unit dose may be administered, for example, 1 to 4 times per day. It will be appreciated that it may be necessary to make routine variations to the dosage depending on the age and weight of the patient as well as the severity of the condition to be treated. The dosage may also
25 depend on the route of administration. The precise dose and route of administration will ultimately be at the discretion of the attendant physician or veterinarian.

The compounds of formula (I) may also be used in combination with other therapeutic agents. The invention thus provides, in a further aspect, a combination comprising at
30 least one compound of formula (I) and/or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof together with one or more further therapeutic agent(s).

When a compound of formula (I) and/or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof is used in combination with a second therapeutic agent the dose of each compound may
35 differ from that when the compound is used alone. Appropriate doses will be readily appreciated by those skilled in the art. It will be appreciated that the amount of a compound of the invention required for use in treatment will vary with the nature of the condition being treated and the age and the condition of the patient and will be ultimately at the discretion of the attendant physician or veterinarian. The compounds of the present

- invention may be used in combination with other antithrombotic drugs (such as thrombin inhibitors, thromboxane receptor antagonists, prostacyclin mimetics, phosphodiesterase inhibitors, fibrinogen antagonists, thrombolytic drugs such as tissue plasminogen activator and streptokinase, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs such as aspirin, and the like),
5 anti-hypertensive agents (such as angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors, angiotensin-II receptor antagonists, ACE / NEP inhibitors, β -blockers, calcium channel blockers, PDE inhibitors, aldosterone blockers), anti-atherosclerotic / dyslipidaemic agents (such as HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors) and anti-arrhythmic agents.
- 10 The combinations referred to above may conveniently be presented for use in the form of a pharmaceutical formulation and thus pharmaceutical formulations comprising a combination as defined above together with at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and/or excipient comprise a further aspect of the invention. The individual components of such combinations may be administered either sequentially or
15 simultaneously in separate or combined pharmaceutical formulations by any convenient route.

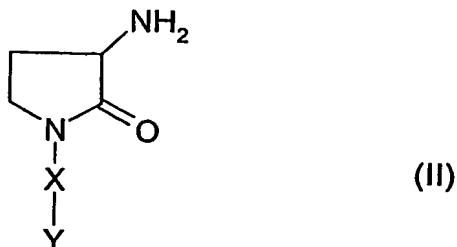
When administration is sequential, either the Factor Xa inhibitor or the second therapeutic agent may be administered first. When administration is simultaneous, the combination
20 may be administered either in the same or different pharmaceutical composition.

When combined in the same formulation it will be appreciated that the two compounds must be stable and compatible with each other and the other components of the formulation. When formulated separately they may be provided in any convenient
25 formulation, conveniently in such manner as are known for such compounds in the art.

The compounds of formula (I) and/or pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives thereof may be prepared by the processes described hereinafter, said processes constituting a further aspect of the invention. In the following description, the groups are as defined above for
30 compounds of formula (I) unless otherwise stated.

According to a further aspect of the present invention, there is provided a process (A) for preparing compounds of formula (I) which comprises of reacting compounds of formula (II) or an acid addition salt thereof with compounds of formula (III) where V is a suitable
35 leaving group, such as a halide, e.g. chloride. When the free base of a compound of formula (II) is used, the reaction is conveniently carried out in the presence of a base, e.g. pyridine, and in a suitable solvent, e.g. acetonitrile (MeCN), suitably at 0°C to room temperature. When the acid addition salt of a compound of formula (II) is used, the reaction is conveniently carried out in the presence of a base, e.g. N,N-

diisopropylethylamine (DIPEA), and in a suitable solvent, e.g. MeCN, suitably at 0°C to room temperature.



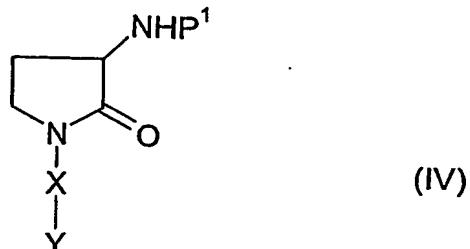
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If X-Y contains a group reactive to compounds of formula (III), such groups may be protected prior to reaction of a compound of formula (II) with compounds of formula (III) using methods well known in the art and such protecting groups removed under standard conditions to provide compounds of formula (I) after completion of the reaction of 10 compounds of formula (II) with compounds of formula (III).

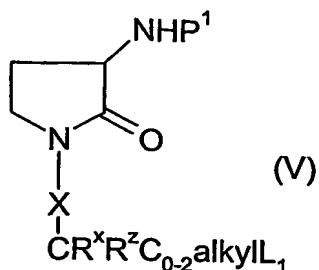
Compounds of formula (III) are known compounds or may be prepared by methods known in the literature or processes known to those skilled in the art.

15 Compounds of formula (II) may be prepared from compounds of formula (IV) by removal of the protecting group P¹, e.g. t-butyloxycarbonyl (Boc), under standard conditions. For example, where P¹ represents Boc, removal of the protecting group may be effected under acidic conditions, using for example hydrogen chloride in a solvent such as dioxan or methanol, or trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) in a solvent such as dichloromethane (DCM).

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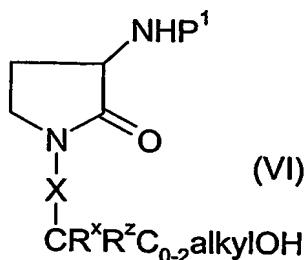


Compounds of formula (IV) may be prepared from compounds of formula (V):



- 5 where L_1 is a suitable leaving group such as halide, e.g. bromide, by reaction with HNR^cR^d , which can be used in excess, optionally in the presence of sodium iodide, in a suitable solvent, e.g. tetrahydrofuran (THF) or ethylene glycol dimethylether, suitably at room temperature to 60°C.
- 10 Compounds of formula HNR^cR^d are known compounds or may be prepared by methods known in the literature or processes known to those skilled in the art.

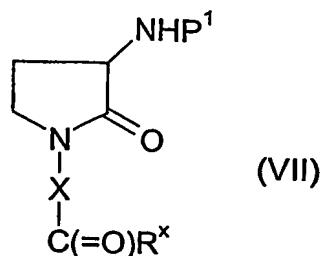
Compounds of formula (V) may be prepared from compounds of formula (VI):



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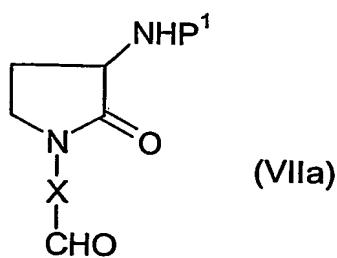
by halogenation methods well known to persons skilled in the art. For example, when L_1 is bromide, bromination may be effected with carbon tetrabromide, in a suitable solvent, e.g. DCM, in the presence of a phosphine, e.g. triphenylphosphine, suitably at 0°C to room 20 temperature.

Compounds of formula (VI), where $\text{CR}^x\text{R}^z\text{C}_{0-2}\text{alkylOH}$ represents CR^xHOH , may be prepared from compounds of formula (VII):



by reduction under standard conditions, e.g. by treatment with a nucleophilic hydride source, e.g. sodium borohydride, in a suitable solvent, e.g. methanol, suitably at 0°C to
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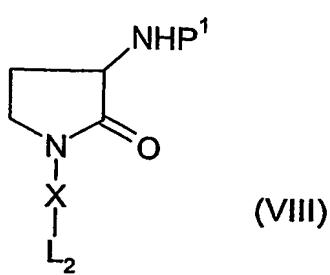
Alternatively, compounds of formula (VI), where CR^xR^zC₀₋₂alkylOH represents CR^xHOH, may also be prepared from compounds of formula (VIIa):



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by treatment with an organometallic alkyl compound, e.g. an alkyl magnesium chloride, in a suitable solvent, e.g. THF, suitably at 0°C to room temperature, e.g. 0-10°C.

15 Compounds of formula (VII) may be prepared from compounds of formula (VIII):



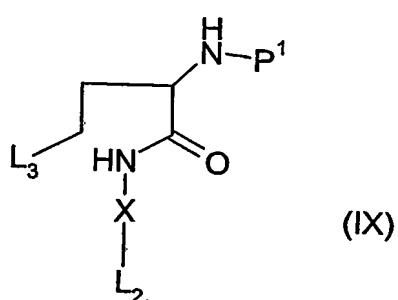
where L₂ is a suitable leaving group such as halide, e.g. iodide, by reaction with a suitable
20 vinyl ether, e.g. n-butyl vinyl ether, in the presence of a base, e.g. sodium carbonate, in a suitable solvent, e.g. N,N-dimethylformamide (DMF), in the presence of a metal catalyst, e.g. palladium(II) acetate, and a suitable ligand, e.g. 1,3-bis(diphenylphosphino)propane,

suitably at elevated temperature (e.g. 60-110°C) and suitably under an inert atmosphere, e.g. nitrogen; followed by hydrolysis with an appropriate aqueous acid, e.g. aqueous formic acid, in a suitable solvent, e.g. MeCN, suitably at room temperature.

- 5 Compounds of formula (VIIa) may be prepared from compounds of formula (VIII) where L₂ is a suitable leaving group such as halide, e.g. iodide, by reaction with carbon monoxide gas, in the presence of a base, e.g. triethylamine, optionally in the presence of a suitable reductant e.g. triethylsilane, in a suitable solvent, e.g. DMF, in the presence of a metal catalyst, e.g. palladium(II) acetate, and a suitable ligand, e.g. 1,1'-bis(diphenylphosphino)
10 ferrocene, suitably at elevated temperature (e.g. 60-110°C).

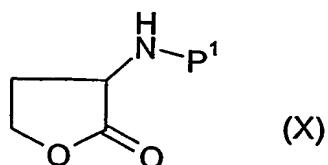
Vinyl ethers are known compounds or may be prepared by methods known in the literature or processes known to those skilled in the art.

- 15 Compounds of formula (VIII) may be prepared from compounds of formula (IX):



- by cyclisation where L₃ represents a suitable leaving group, e.g. hydroxyl. For example,
20 when L₃ is a hydroxyl group, the ring closure may be performed by treatment with a mixture of (i) aryl or alkyl phosphine, e.g. tri-n-butylphosphine, and (ii) a suitable azodicarboxylate derivative, e.g. 1,1'-(azodicarbonyl)-dipiperidine, in a suitable solvent, e.g. THF, suitably at 0°C to room temperature.
- 25 It will be appreciated by persons skilled in the art that compounds of formula (IX) may be prepared by interconversion, utilising other compounds of formula (IX) which are optionally protected by standard protecting groups, as precursors. For instance, compounds of formula (IX) where L₃ is OH, may be converted into compounds of formula (IX) possessing alternative substituents at L₃, e.g. halogen, S⁺MeR W⁻ or OSO₂R, by
30 methods well known in the art (see for example Smith, M.B. and March, J., Advanced Organic Chemistry, 5th Edition 2001, John Wiley & Sons). Generally, R will represent alkyl or aralkyl and W will represent sulphate or halide, e.g. iodide. In such cases the ring closure may be performed by treatment with a base in a suitable solvent, e.g. MeCN.

Compounds of formula (IX), where L_3 is a hydroxyl group, may be prepared by reacting compounds of formula (X) with compounds of formula (XI):

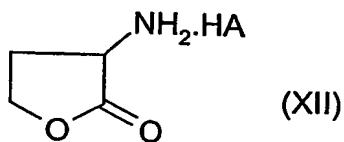


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wherein P^1 is a suitable protecting group as described above. The reaction is conveniently carried out by addition of a suitable activating agent, e.g. trimethylaluminium, to compounds of formula (XI) in a suitable solvent, e.g. DCM, under an inert atmosphere, 10 e.g. nitrogen, suitably at room temperature followed by addition of a compound of formula (X) in a compatible solvent, e.g. DCM.

Compounds of formula (XI) are known compounds or may be prepared by methods known in the literature or processes known to those skilled in the art.
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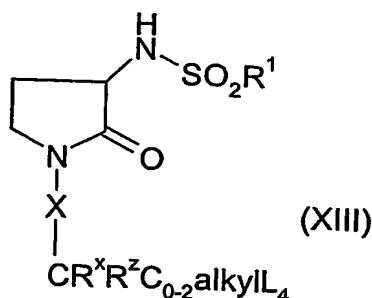
Compounds of formula (X) are known in the art or may be prepared from compounds of formula (XII) where HA is a suitable acid, e.g. hydrochloric acid, using methods well known to those skilled in the art. See, for example, "Protective groups in organic synthesis" by T.W. Greene and P.G.M. Wuts (John Wiley & sons 1991) or "Protecting 20 Groups" by P.J. Kocienski (Georg Thieme Verlag 1994).



Compounds of formula (XII) are known compounds or may be prepared by methods 25 known in the literature or processes known to those skilled in the art.

There is provided a further process (B) for preparing compounds of formula (I). According to process (B), compounds of formula (I) may be prepared from compounds of formula (XIII):

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where L_4 is a suitable leaving group, such as halide, e.g. bromide, by reaction with HNR^cR^d , which can be used in excess, in a suitable solvent, e.g. THF, suitably at room temperature to 60°C.

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Alternatively, compounds of formula (I) where R^c and R^d independently represent hydrogen may be prepared from compounds of formula (XIII) by reaction with sodium diformamide in a suitable solvent, e.g. DMF, suitably at elevated temperature, e.g. 40-60°C, followed by hydrolysis with an appropriate aqueous acid, e.g. hydrochloric acid 15 (HCl), suitably at elevated temperature, e.g. 40-60°C.

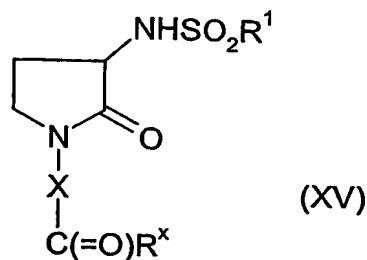
Compounds of formula (XIII) may be prepared from compounds of formula (XIV):

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by halogenation methods well known to persons skilled in the art. For example, when L_4 is bromide, bromination may be effected with carbon tetrabromide, in a suitable solvent, e.g. DCM, in the presence of a phosphine, e.g. triphenylphosphine, suitably at 0°C to room temperature.

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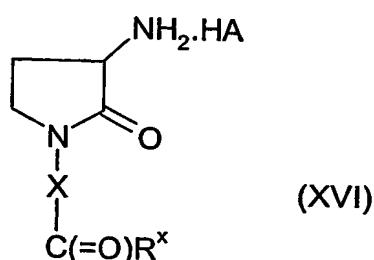
Compounds of formula (XIV), where $\text{CR}^x\text{R}^z\text{C}_{0-2}\text{alkylOH}$ represents CR^xHOH , may be prepared from compounds of formula (XV):



by reduction under standard conditions, e.g. by treatment with a nucleophilic hydride source, e.g. sodium borohydride, in a suitable solvent, e.g. methanol, suitably at 0°C to room temperature.

Compounds of formula (XV) may be prepared by reaction of compounds of formula (XVI) where HA is a suitable acid, e.g. hydrochloric acid:

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with compounds of formula (III), where V is a suitable leaving group, such as a halide, e.g. chloride. The reaction is conveniently carried out in the presence of a base, e.g. DIPEA, 15 and in a suitable solvent, e.g. MeCN, suitably at room temperature.

Compounds of formula (XVI) may be prepared from compounds of formula (VII) by removal of the protecting group P¹, e.g. Boc, under standard conditions. For example, where P¹ represents Boc, removal of the protecting group may be effected under acidic 20 conditions, using for example hydrogen chloride in a solvent such as dioxan.

There is provided a further process (C) for preparing compounds of formula (I) where R² is a substituent other than hydrogen, which comprises reacting compounds of formula (I) where R² is hydrogen with compounds of formula (XVII):

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wherein R² is -C₁₋₆alkyl, -C₁₋₃alkylCONR^aR^b, -C₁₋₃alkylCO₂C₁₋₄alkyl or -CO₂C₁₋₄alkyl and T is a suitable leaving group such as that derived from a hydroxyl group or halide, e.g. bromide, optionally followed by removal of the alkyl protecting group, e.g. t-Butyl, under standard conditions to form a compound wherein R² is C₁₋₃alkylCO₂H. When T is halide,

- 5 the reaction is effected in a suitable organic solvent, e.g. THF or DMF, in the presence of a base, e.g. lithium hexamethyldisilazide (LiHMDS), potassium carbonate or sodium carbonate at a temperature range from -78°C to +50°C, suitably -78°C to room temperature. Furthermore, it will appreciated that the substituent R², other than hydrogen, may be introduced at various intermediate stages by methods well known to those skilled
- 10 in the art. When T is a hydroxyl group, the reaction is effected under Mitsunobu conditions (for examples see Hughes, David L. Progress in the Mitsunobu reaction. A review. Organic Preparations and Procedures International (1996), 28(2), 127-64.). For example, the reaction may be performed by treatment of compounds of formula (I) where R² represents H with an aryl or alkyl phosphine, e.g. triphenylphosphine, optionally bound to
- 15 polymer-support, and an azodicarboxylate derivative, e.g. di-*tert*-butyl azodicarboxylate, in a suitable solvent, e.g. THF, followed by addition of compounds of formula (XVII) where T represents OH, optionally in a suitable solvent, e.g. THF, suitably at room temperature.

When X-Y contains a group reactive to compounds of formula (XVII), such groups may be

- 20 protected prior to the reaction using methods well known in the art and such protecting groups removed under standard conditions to provide compounds of formula (I) where R² is a substituent other than hydrogen after completion of the reaction of compounds of formula (I) where R² is hydrogen with compounds of formula (XVII).
- 25 Compounds of formula (XVII) are known compounds or may be prepared by methods known in the literature or processes known to those skilled in the art.

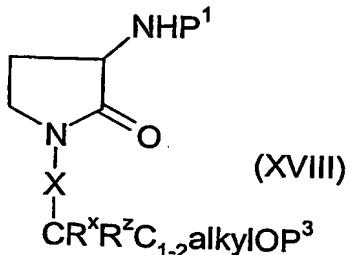
Furthermore, it will appreciated that the substituent R², other than hydrogen, may be introduced at various intermediate stages by methods well known to those skilled in the art.

- Compounds of formula (I) where R^c and/or R^d are hydrogen may be converted to other compounds of formula (I) by processes known to those skilled in the art, for example, where R^c and/or R^d are converted to C₁-alkyl by reductive alkylation. For example, the
- 35 reaction is conveniently carried out using a suitable aldehyde, in the presence of a reducing agent, e.g. sodium triacetoxyborohydride or sodium cyanoborohydride, in a suitable solvent, e.g. MeCN, suitably at room temperature.

There is provided a further process (D) for preparing compounds of formula (IV) where Y represents $\text{CHR}^x\text{NR}^c\text{R}^d$. According to process (D), compounds of formula (I) where R^z is not hydrogen may be prepared from compounds of formula (VII) by reaction with an amine HNR^cR^d in a suitable solvent, e.g. DCM, to form an intermediate imine or iminium species 5 which is then reacted with a suitable organometallic agent, e.g. a Grignard reagent, in a suitable solvent, e.g. THF, suitably at 0°C to room temperature.

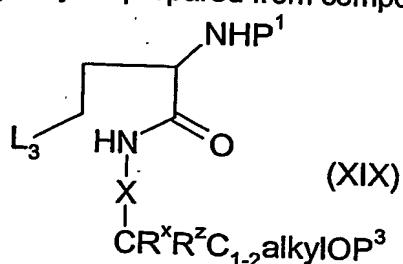
According to a further process (E) compounds of formula (VI) where $\text{C}_{0-2}\text{alkyl}$ represents $\text{C}_{1-2}\text{alkyl}$ may be prepared from compounds of formula (XVIII)

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where P^3 is a suitable hydroxyl protecting group, by removal of the protecting group under standard conditions using methods well known to those skilled in the art. See, for example, "Protective groups in organic synthesis" by T.W. Greene and P.G.M. Wuts (John Wiley & sons 1991) or "Protecting Groups" by P.J. Kocienski (Georg Thieme Verlag 15 1994).

Compounds of formula (XVIII) may be prepared from compounds of formula (XIX):



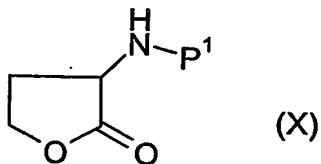
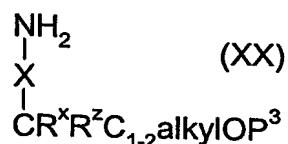
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by cyclisation where L_3 represents a suitable leaving group. For example, when L_3 is a hydroxyl group, the ring closure may be performed by treatment with a mixture of (i) aryl or alkyl phosphine, e.g. tri-n-butylphosphine, and (ii) a suitable azodicarboxylate 25 derivative, e.g. 1,1'-(azodicarbonyl)-dipiperidine, in a suitable solvent, e.g. THF, suitably at 0°C to room temperature.

It will be appreciated by persons skilled in the art that compounds of formula (XIX) may be prepared by interconversion, utilising other compounds of formula (XIX) which are optionally protected by standard protecting groups, as precursors. For instance, compounds of formula (XIX) where L_3 is OH, may be converted into compounds of formula (XIX) possessing alternative substituents at L_3 , e.g. halogen, $S^+MeR^-W^-$ or OSO_2R , by methods well known in the art (see for example Smith, M.B. and March, J., Advanced Organic Chemistry, 5th Edition 2001, John Wiley & Sons). Generally R will represent alkyl or aralkyl and W will represent sulphate or halide, especially iodide. In such cases the ring closure may be performed by treatment with a base in a suitable solvent, e.g. MeCN.

Compounds of formula (XIX), where L_3 is a hydroxyl group, may be prepared by reacting compounds of formula (XX) with compounds of formula (X):

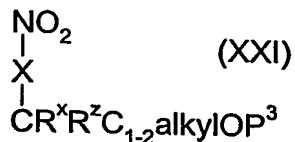
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20 wherein P^1 is a suitable protecting group as described above. The reaction is conveniently carried out by addition of a suitable activating agent, e.g. trimethylaluminium, to compounds of formula (XX) in a suitable solvent, e.g. DCM, under an inert atmosphere, e.g. nitrogen, suitably at room temperature followed by addition of compounds of formula (X) in a compatible solvent, e.g. DCM.

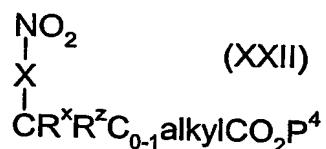
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Compounds of formula (XX) may be prepared by methods known in the art, e.g. from compounds of formula (XXI):



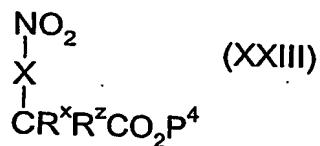
by hydrogenation in the presence of a suitable catalyst, e.g. 10% palladium on carbon, in a suitable solvent such as ethanol, suitably at atmospheric pressure and room temperature.

- 5 Compounds of formula (XXI), where P³ is a suitable protecting group, may be prepared from compounds of formula (XXII):



- 10 where P⁴ represents hydrogen or an alkyl or aralkyl group by reduction processes well-known to those skilled in the art. For example, when P⁴ represents a hydrogen, compounds of formula (XXI) may be prepared by reduction with a hydride source, e.g., diborane, in a suitable solvent, e.g. THF, suitably at 0°C to room temperature followed by protection with a suitable P³ protecting group using methodologies well known to those skilled in the art. See, for example, "Protective groups in organic synthesis" by T.W. Greene and P.G.M. Wuts (John Wiley & sons 1991) or "Protecting Groups" by P.J. Kocienski (Georg Thieme Verlag 1994).
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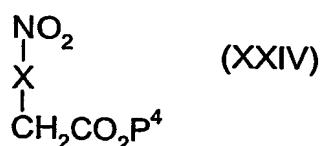
- Compounds of formula (XXII), where C₀₋₁alkyl represents C₁alkyl, may be prepared from 20 compounds of formula (XXIII), where P⁴ is a hydrogen, by chain extension processes well-known to those skilled in the art.



- 25 For example, compounds of formula (XXII) where C₀₋₁alkyl represents C₁alkyl, and P⁴ is a hydrogen, may be prepared from compounds of formula (XXIII), where P⁴ is a hydrogen, via the Arndt-Eistert synthesis. For example, compounds of formula (XXII) where C₀₋₁alkyl represents C₁alkyl, and P⁴ is a hydrogen, may be prepared from compounds of formula (XXIII), where P⁴ is a hydrogen, by activation to an acid halide, e.g., acid chloride, using 30 standard methodologies, followed by reaction with diazomethane in a suitable solvent, e.g. diethyl ether, suitably at 0°C to room temperature, followed by Wolff rearrangement

with a silver salt, e.g. silver oxide, and water, optionally in the presence of a base, e.g. triethylamine, in a suitable solvent.

- Compound of formula (XXIII), where P⁴ is a suitable carboxylic acid protecting group, may
5 be prepared from compounds of formula (XXIV):

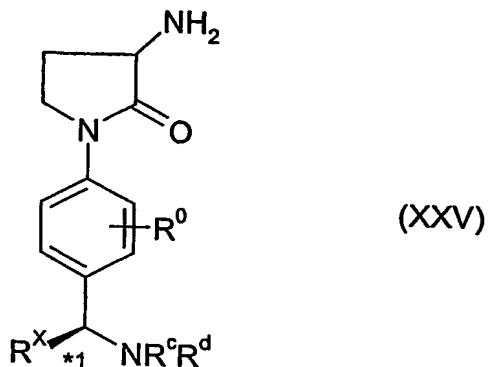


- 10 by alkylation chemistries well known in the art (see for example Smith, M.B. and March, J., Advanced Organic Chemistry, 5th Edition 2001, John Wiley & Sons).

Compounds of formula (XXIV) are known compounds or may be prepared by methods known in the literature or processes known to those skilled in the art.

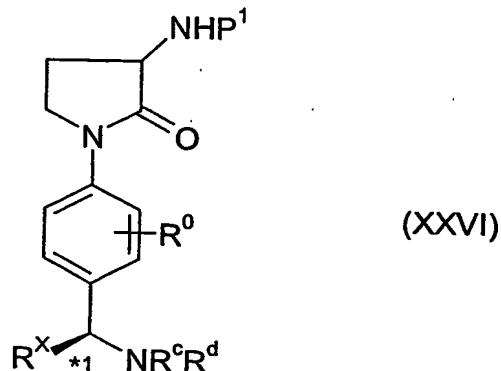
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- There is provided a further process (F) for preparing compounds of formula (I) where X represents phenyl, Y represents -CH(R^x)NR^cR^d and R^c and R^d each represent the same C₁₋₆alkyl substituent. According to process (F), a compound of formula (I) may be prepared by reacting a compound of formula (XXV) where R⁰ represents 0-2 optional
20 substituents on the phenyl ring selected from: halogen, -C₁₋₄alkyl, -C₂₋₄alkenyl, -CN₁, -CF₃, -NR^aR^b, -C₀₋₄alkylOR^e, -C(O)R^f and C(O)NR^aR^b and/or an acid addition salt thereof:

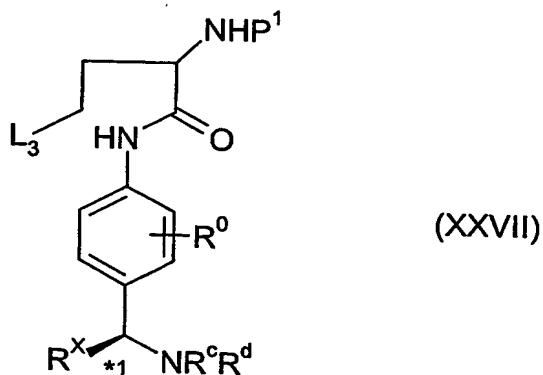


- 25 with a compound of formula (III) where V is a suitable leaving group, such as a halide, for example chloride. The reaction is conveniently carried out in the presence of a base, e.g. DIPEA, and in a suitable solvent, e.g. MeCN, suitably at 0°C to room temperature.

A compound of formula (XXV) may be prepared from a compound of formula (XXVI) by removal of the protecting group P^1 , e.g. Boc, under standard conditions. For example, where P^1 represents Boc, removal of the protecting group may be effected under acidic 5 conditions using for example, hydrogen chloride in a solvent such as dioxan.

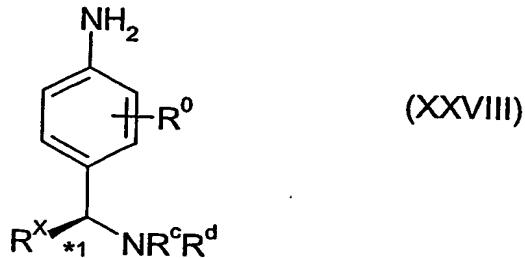


A compound of formula (XXVI) may be prepared from compounds of formula (XXVII):
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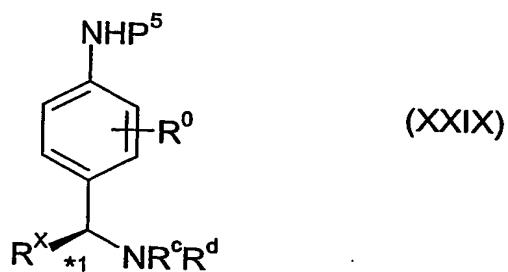
wherein P^1 is a suitable protecting group as described above, by cyclisation where L_3 represents a suitable leaving group, e.g. hydroxyl. For example, when L_3 is a hydroxyl 15 group, the ring closure may be performed by treatment with a mixture of (i) aryl or alkyl phosphine, e.g. tri-n-butylphosphine, and (ii) a suitable azodicarboxylate derivative, e.g. 1,1'-(azodicarbonyl)-dipiperidine, in a suitable solvent, e.g. THF, suitably at 0°C to room temperature.

20 A compound of formula (XXVII), where L_3 is a hydroxyl group may be prepared by reacting a compound of formula (XXVIII) with a compound of formula (X):



- The reaction is conveniently carried out by addition of a suitable activating agent, e.g. trimethylaluminium, to a compound of formula (XXVIII) in a suitable solvent, e.g. DCM,
 5 under an inert atmosphere, e.g. nitrogen, suitably at room temperature to 40°C, followed by addition of a compound of formula (X) in a compatible solvent, e.g. DCM.

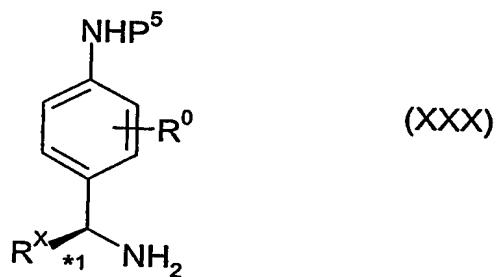
A compound of formula (XXVIII) may be prepared from a compound of formula (XXIX):



- 10 where P⁵ represents a suitable protecting group where appropriate, by removal of the protecting group P⁵ e.g. Boc, where present, under standard conditions. For example, where P⁵ represents Boc, removal of the protecting group may be effected under acidic conditions, using for example, hydrogen chloride in a solvent such as dioxan.

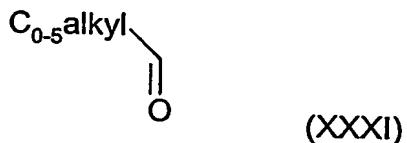
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A compound of formula (XXIX) may be prepared by reaction of a compound of formula (XXX):



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with a compound of formula (XXXI):

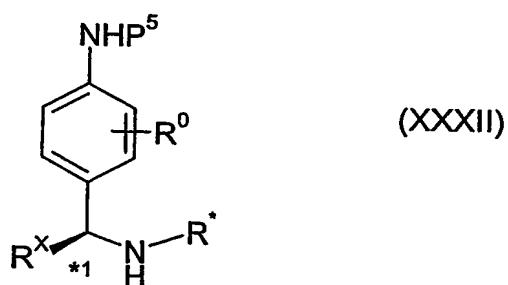


- 5 where P⁵ represents a protecting group or hydrogen where appropriate, by reductive alkylation. For example, where R^c and R^d each represents methyl the reaction is suitably carried out in the presence of an acid, e.g. HCO₂H and formaldehyde, suitably at elevated temperature, e.g. 50-70°C. Where R^c and R^d each represent C₂₋₆ alkyl the reaction is conveniently carried out in the presence of a reducing agent, e.g. sodium triacetoxyborohydride or sodium cyanoborohydride, in a suitable solvent, e.g. MeCN, suitably at room temperature.
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Compounds of formula (XXXI) are known compounds or may be prepared by methods known in the literature or processes known to those skilled in the art.

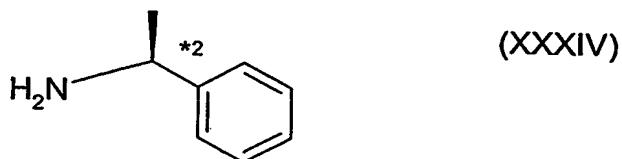
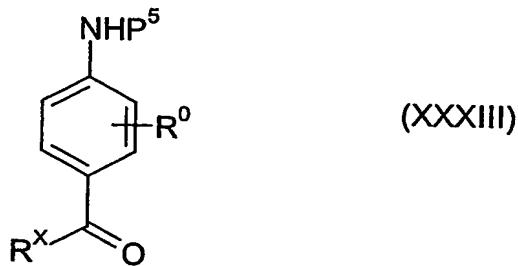
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Compounds of formula (XXX) may be prepared from compounds of formula (XXXII):

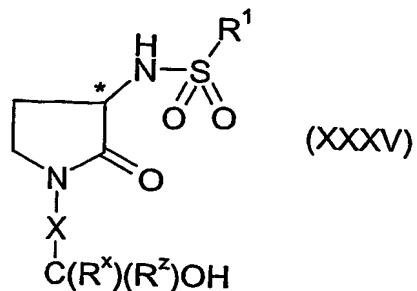


- 20 where R* represents a chiral auxillary, for example (R)-1-phenylethyl or (S)-1-phenylethyl, by transfer hydrogenation in the presence of a suitable catalyst, e.g. Pd(C), and ammonium formate, in a suitable solvent, e.g. methanol or ethanol, suitably at elevated temperature, e.g. 50-70°C. Alternatively, compounds of formula (XXX) may be prepared from a compounds of formula (XXXII), where R* represents a chiral auxillary, for example (R)-1-phenylethyl or (S)-1-phenylethyl, by catalytic hydrogenation in the presence of a suitable catalyst, e.g. Pd(C), in a suitable solvent, e.g. ethyl acetate, suitably at elevated temperature, e.g. 50-70°C, suitably at elevated pressure, e.g. 2-4atm.
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- Where the chiral auxillary is (R)-1-phenylethyl or (S)-1-phenylethyl, a compound of formula (XXXII) may be prepared by reacting a compound of formula (XXXIII) with a compound of formula (XXXIV):
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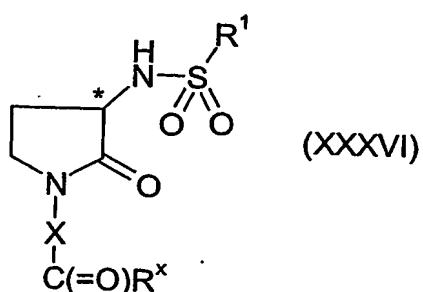


- 5 in the presence of a Lewis acid and dehydrating agent, e.g. titanium tetrachloride ($TiCl_4$), and a suitable solvent, e.g. toluene, followed by reduction under standard conditions, e.g. by treatment with a nucleophilic hydride source, e.g. sodium borohydride, in a suitable solvent, e.g. methanol, suitably at $0^\circ C$ to room temperature.
- 10 Compounds of formula (XXXIII) are known compounds or may be prepared by methods known in the literature or processes known to those skilled in the art.
- Compounds of formula (XXXIV) are commercially available or may be prepared by processes known to those skilled in the art.
- 15 It will be understood by persons skilled in the art that use of the alternative diastereoisomer at (*2) in a compound of formula (XXXIV) will result in a compound of formula (I) of the alternative stereochemistry at (*1).
- 20 There is provided a further process (G) for preparing compounds of formula (I) where Y represents $-C(R^x)(R^z)NR^cR^d$ and R^x and R^z both represent C_{1-4} alkyl and R^2 represents hydrogen. According to process (G) compounds of formula (I) may be prepared from compounds of formula (XXXV):



by treatment with hydrogen chloride in the presence of zinc chloride, in a suitable solvent,
 e.g. DCM, suitably at 0-10°C, followed by reaction with HNR^cR^d, e.g. dimethylamine, in a
 5 suitable solvent, e.g. THF, suitably at elevated temperature, e.g. 60-80°C.

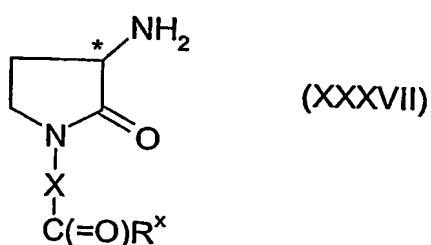
Compounds of formula (XXXV) may be prepared from compounds of formula (XXXVI):



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by treatment with a Lewis Acid, e.g. TiCl₄, and a nucleophilic alkyl source, e.g. dimethyl
 zinc, in a suitable solvent, e.g. diethyl ether, suitably below room temperature, e.g. -30°C
 15 to -78°C, or by treatment with an organometallic alkyl compound, e.g. an alkyl magnesium
 chloride, in a suitable solvent, e.g. THF, suitably at 0°C to room temperature, e.g. 0-10°C.

Compounds of formula (XXXVI) may be prepared from compounds of formula (XXXVII):



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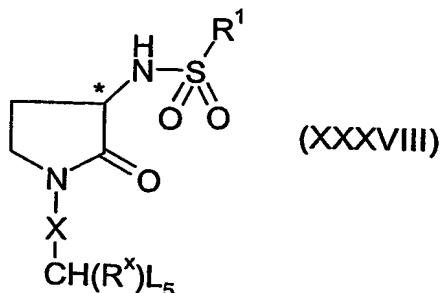
by reacting compounds of formula (XXXVI) with compounds of formula (III) where V is a suitable leaving group, such as a halide, e.g. chloride. The reaction is conveniently carried out in the presence of a base, e.g. pyridine, and in a suitable solvent, e.g. MeCN, suitably at 0°C to room temperature.

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Compounds of formula (XXXVII) may be prepared from compounds of formula (VII) by removal of the protecting group P¹, e.g. Boc, under standard conditions. For example, where P¹ represents Boc, removal of the protecting group may be effected under acidic conditions, using for example hydrogen chloride in a solvent such as dioxan.

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There is provided a further process (H) for preparing compounds of formula (I) where Y represents $-C(R^X)NR^cR^d$, R^X represents C₁₋₄alkyl and R^c and R^d independently represent hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, or together with the N atom to which they are bonded form a 4-, 5-, 6- or 7-membered non-aromatic heterocyclic ring. According to process (H), compounds of 15 formula (I) may be prepared from compounds of formula (XXXVIII):

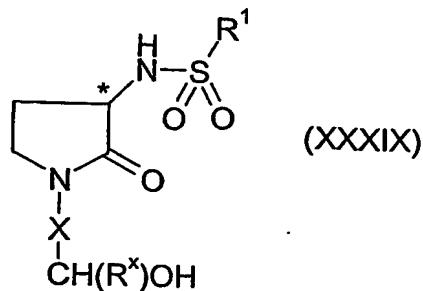


where L₅ is a suitable leaving group such as halide, e.g. bromide, by reaction with 20 HNR^cR^d, which can be used in excess, in a suitable solvent, e.g. THF, suitably at -10 to +10°C.

Compounds of formula HNR^cR^d are known compounds or may be prepared by methods known in the literature or processes known to those skilled in the art.

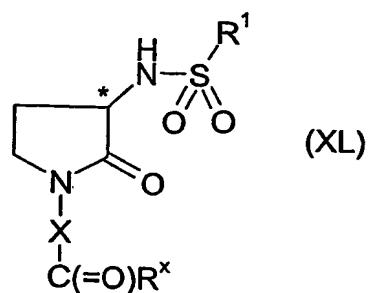
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Compounds of formula (XXXVIII) may be prepared from compounds of formula (XXXIX):



by halogenation methods well known to persons skilled in the art. For example, when L₅ is bromide, bromination may be effected with N-bromosuccinimide (NBS), in a suitable solvent, e.g. DCM, in the presence of a phosphine e.g. triphenyl phosphine, suitably at -10 to +10°C.

Compounds of formula (XXXIX) may be prepared from compounds of formula (XL):

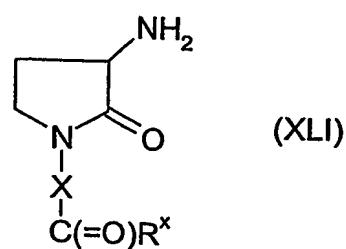


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by reduction under standard conditions, e.g. by treatment with a nucleophilic hydride source e.g. sodium borohydride, in a suitable solvent, e.g. methanol, suitably at 0°C to room temperature.

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Compounds of formula (XL) may be prepared by reaction of compounds of formula (XLI):



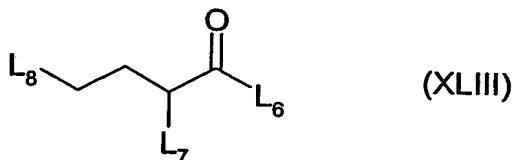
with a compound of formula (III) where V is a suitable leaving group, such as a halide, for example chloride. The reaction is conveniently carried out in the presence of a base, e.g. pyridine, and in a suitable solvent, e.g. MeCN, suitably at 0°C to room temperature.

5 Compounds of formula (XLI) may be prepared by reaction of compounds of formula (XLII)



with compounds of formula (XLIII):

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where L₆ is a suitable leaving group, e.g. chloride, and L₇ and L₈ are suitable leaving groups, e.g. bromide, in a suitable solvent, e.g. MeCN, in the presence of a base, e.g.

15 K₂CO₃, suitably at -10 to +10°C, followed by reaction with aqueous ammonia suitably at room temperature to 40°C.

Compounds of formula (XLII) and (XLIII) are known compounds or may be prepared by methods known in the literature or processes known to those skilled in the art.

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It will be appreciated by those skilled in the art that compounds of formula (I) or a solvate thereof may be synthesized from appropriate intermediates via solid phase chemistry processes.

25 Those skilled in the art will appreciate that in the preparation of compounds of formula (I) and/or solvates thereof it may be necessary and/or desirable to protect one or more sensitive groups in the molecule or the appropriate intermediate to prevent undesirable side reactions. Suitable protecting groups for use according to the present invention are well known to those skilled in the art and may be used in a conventional manner. See, for

30 example, "Protective groups in organic synthesis" by T.W. Greene and P.G.M. Wuts (John Wiley & sons 1991) or "Protecting Groups" by P.J. Kocienski (Georg Thieme Verlag 1994). Examples of suitable amino protecting groups include acyl type protecting groups (e.g. formyl, trifluoroacetyl, acetyl), aromatic urethane type protecting groups (e.g. benzyloxycarbonyl (Cbz) and substituted Cbz), aliphatic urethane protecting groups (e.g.

9-fluorenylmethoxycarbonyl (Fmoc), t-butyloxycarbonyl (Boc), isopropylloxycarbonyl, cyclohexyloxycarbonyl) and alkyl or aralkyl type protecting groups (e.g. benzyl, trityl, chlorotriptyl). Examples of suitable hydroxyl protecting groups may include for example alkyl silyl groups, such as trimethylsilyl or tert-butyldimethylsilyl; alkyl ethers such as

- 5 tetrahydropyranyl or tert-butyl; or esters such as acetate. Examples of carboxylic acid protecting groups may include for example aralkyl groups, e.g. benzyl, or alkyl groups, e.g. t-butyl.

Various intermediate compounds used in the above-mentioned process, including but not

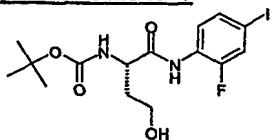
- 10 limited to certain compounds of formulae (II), (IV), (V), (VI), (VII), (VIIa), (VIII), (IX), (XIII), (XIV), (XV), (XVI), (XVIII), (XIX), (XX), (XXI), (XXII), (XXIII), (XXV), (XXVI), (XXVII), (XXVIII), (XXIX), (XXX), (XXXII), (XXXV), (XXXVI) and (XXXVII) constitute a further aspect of the present invention.
- 15 The present invention will now be further illustrated by the accompanying examples which should not be construed as limiting the scope of the invention in any way.

All publications, including but not limited to patents and patent applications, cited in this specification are herein incorporated by reference as if each individual publication were

- 20 specifically and individually indicated to be incorporated by reference herein as though fully set forth.

ExamplesAbbreviations

THF	Tetrahydrofuran
5 MeCN	Acetonitrile
DCM	Dichloromethane
DMF	<i>N,N</i> -dimethylformamide
DIPEA	<i>N,N</i> -diisopropylethylamine
Boc	t-butyloxycarbonyl
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dd	doublet of doublets
m	multiplet
q	quartet
15 s	singlet
t	triplet
min	minutes
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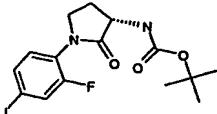
20 Intermediate 1

1,1-Dimethylethyl ((1S)-1-{[(2-fluoro-4-iodophenyl)amino]carbonyl}-3-hydroxypropyl)-carbamate

A solution of 2-fluoro-4-iodoaniline (7.11g) in anhydrous DCM (40ml) under nitrogen at 25 0°C was treated dropwise with trimethylaluminium (2N in heptane; 15ml). The mixture was allowed to stir for 30min before a solution of 1,1-dimethylethyl [(3S)-2-oxotetrahydro-3-furanyl]carbamate (5.03g), in anhydrous DCM (35ml), was added dropwise. The reaction was allowed to warm up to ambient temperature and stirred for 18h, before quenching with 10% aqueous citric acid (10ml). Saturated aqueous potassium sodium tartrate 30 (100ml) was then added with stirring followed by separation of the organic and aqueous layers. The organic layer was dried (over magnesium sulphate) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified using Biotage™ chromatography (silica, eluting with cyclohexane:ethyl acetate 3:2) to afford an off-white solid which was an inseparable mixture (c. 1:2) of the starting material and the title compound (5.55g).

Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 439

Intermediate 2

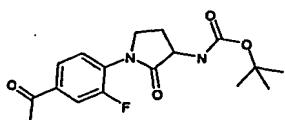


5 1,1-Dimethylethyl [(3S)-1-(2-fluoro-4-iodophenyl)-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl]carbamate

To a solution of crude Intermediate 1 (5.55g) and tri-n-butylphosphine (3.49ml) in anhydrous THF (100ml) under nitrogen at 0°C was added solid 1,1'-(azodicarbonyl)-dipiperidine (3.53g). The solution was allowed to warm to ambient temperature and stirred for 18h. The mixture was then diluted with cyclohexane (100ml) and the precipitate filtered off. The filtrate was then concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue purified using Biotage™ chromatography (silica, eluting with cyclohexane:ethyl acetate 2:1) to give the title compound (2.93g) as a white solid.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 421

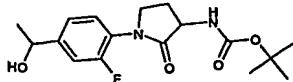
15 Intermediate 3



1,1-Dimethylethyl [1-(4-acetyl-2-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl]carbamate

A degassed solution of Intermediate 2 (1.05g) in dry DMF (20ml) was treated sequentially with sodium carbonate (0.42g), triethylamine (0.67ml), n-butyl vinyl ether (1.62ml), 1,3-bis(diphenylphosphino)propane (0.124g) and palladium(II) acetate (0.034g). The mixture was heated to 80°C under nitrogen for 7h, allowing to cool and stirred overnight. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude residue treated with 0.1% formic acid: water (10ml) and MeCN (10ml). The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 4h before concentrating under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in minimum DCM and purified using pre-conditioned silica SPE (20g/60cc) eluting with cyclohexane: ethyl acetate (5:1 to neat ethyl acetate) to give the title compound (0.362g) as a yellow powder.

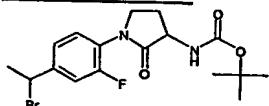
Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 337

Intermediate 41,1-Dimethylethyl {1-[2-fluoro-4-(1-hydroxyethyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl}carbamate
Intermediate 3 (110mg) in dry methanol (4ml) was treated with sodium borohydride

5 (0.012g) and the mixture stirred at ambient temperature for 18h under nitrogen. The reaction was quenched with 3 drops of water and concentrated under reduced pressure, partitioning the residue between DCM and water. The separated organic layer was passed through a hydrophobic frit and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the title compound (0.103g) as a cream solid.

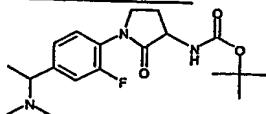
10 Mass spectrum: Found: MH⁺ 339

H.p.l.c. R_t 2.61min

Intermediate 515 1,1-Dimethylethyl {1-[4-(1-bromoethyl)-2-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl}carbamate
Intermediate 4 (0.103g) in dry DCM (6ml) at 0°C was treated with carbon tetrabromide

(0.119g) and stirred for 3min. To the mixture was added triphenylphosphine (0.094g) in portions and the reaction stirred at 0°C for 1.5h before more carbon tetrabromide (0.119g) and triphenylphosphine (0.094g) were added. The reaction was warmed up to ambient 20 temperature and stirred overnight under nitrogen. The mixture was diluted with DCM and washed with water. The separated organic layer was passed through a hydrophobic frit and concentrated under reduced pressure, to a small volume, and purified using pre-conditioned silica SPE (5g/20cc) eluting with cyclohexane: ethyl acetate (4:1 to 2:1) to give the title compound (0.026g) as a cream solid.

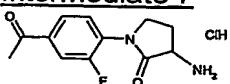
25 Mass spectrum: Found: MH⁺ 403

Intermediate 630 1,1-Dimethylethyl (1-[4-[1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-3-
pyrrolidinyl)carbamate

Intermediate 5 (0.027g) was treated with 2N dimethylamine in THF (3ml) and stirred for 18h at ambient temperature. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue partitioned between chloroform and saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution. The separated organic layer was passed through a hydrophobic frit and re-
 5 concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified using SCX SPE (1g/2ml) eluting with DCM to 10%ammonia/methanol to give the title compound (0.019g) as a sticky gum.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 366

10 Intermediate 7

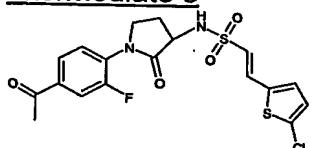


1-(4-Acetyl-2-fluorophenyl)-3-amino-2-pyrrolidinone hydrochloride

Intermediate 3 (0.156g) was stirred in 4M hydrogen chloride/dioxan (6ml) at ambient temperature for 2h. The reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure to give the
 15 title compound (0.135g) as a pale yellow solid.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 237

Intermediate 8

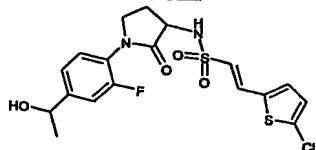


20 (E)-N-[1-(4-Acetyl-2-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl]-2-(5-chloro-2-thienyl)ethenesulfonamide

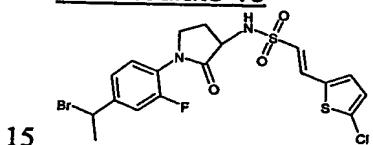
Intermediate 7 (0.135g) was suspended in dry MeCN (5ml) was cooled to 0°C and treated with DIPEA (0.19ml), allowing to stir for 5min. A pre-cooled solution of (E)-2-(5-chloro-2-thienyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride (0.122g) in dry MeCN (2ml) was added slowly and the
 25 mixture stirred at 0°C for 2h before warming up to ambient temperature and stirring overnight. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, partitioning the residue between DCM and saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate. The separated organic layer was passed through a hydrophobic frit and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the title compound (0.162g) as a pale yellow solid.

30 Mass spectrum: Found: $(M-H)^-$ 441

H.p.l.c. R_t 3.16min

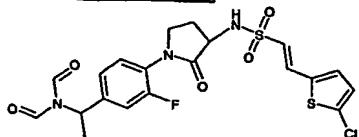
Intermediate 9(E)-2-(5-Chloro-2-thienyl)-N-{1-[2-fluoro-4-(1-hydroxyethyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl}ethenesulfonamide

- 5 Intermediate 8 (0.163g) suspended in dry methanol (5ml) was treated with sodium borohydride (0.028g) and the mixture stirred at ambient temperature for 90min under nitrogen. The reaction was quenched with 3 drops of water and concentrated under reduced pressure, partitioning the residue between DCM and water. The separated organic layer was passed through a hydrophobic frit and concentrated under reduced
10 pressure to give the title compound (0.149g) as a beige foamy solid.
Mass spectrum: Found: MH⁺ 445
H.p.l.c. R_t 3.00min

Intermediate 10(E)-N-{1-[4-(1-Bromoethyl)-2-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl}-2-(5-chloro-2-thienyl)ethenesulfonamide

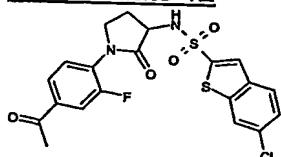
- A solution of Intermediate 9 (0.149g) in dry DCM (6ml) at 0°C was treated with carbon tetrabromide (0.136g) and stirred for 5min. To the mixture was added triphenylphosphine
20 (0.106g) in portions and the reaction stirred at 0°C for 2h before more carbon tetrabromide (0.136g) and triphenylphosphine (0.106g) were added. The reaction was warmed up to ambient temperature and stirred overnight under nitrogen. The mixture was diluted with DCM and washed with water. The separated organic layer was passed through a hydrophobic frit and concentrated under reduced pressure, to a small volume, and purified
25 using pre-conditioned silica SPE (5g/20cc) eluting with cyclohexane: ethyl acetate (10:1 to 2:1) to give the title compound (0.09g) as a beige solid.

Mass spectrum: Found (M-H)⁻ 506

Intermediate 11(E)-2-(5-Chloro-2-thienyl)-N-(1-[4-[1-(diformylamino)ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)ethenesulfonamide

- 5 A solution of Intermediate 10 (0.09g), in dry DMF (4ml), was treated with sodium diformamide (0.019g) and then heated to 50°C under nitrogen for 3.5h. The reaction was cooled to ambient temperature and the solvent removed under reduced pressure, partitioning the residue between DCM and water. The separated organic layer was passed through a hydrophobic frit and re-concentrated under reduced pressure to give the
10 title compound (0.075g) as an orange gum.

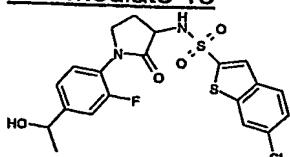
Mass spectrum: Found: MH⁺ 498

Intermediate 12

- 15 N-[1-(4-Acetyl-2-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl]-6-chloro-benzothiophene-2-sulfonamide

The title compound was prepared from Intermediate 7 and 6-chloro-1-benzothiophene-2-sulphonyl chloride using the synthetic procedure described for Intermediate 8.
Mass spectrum: Found: MH⁺ 467

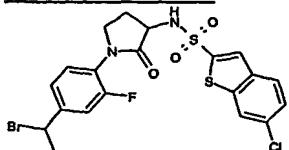
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Intermediate 13

- 25 6-Chloro-N-[1-[2-fluoro-4-(1-hydroxyethyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl]-1-benzothiophene-2-sulfonamide

The title compound was prepared from Intermediate 12 using the synthetic procedure described for Intermediate 9.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH⁺ 469

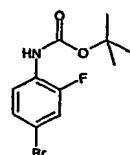
Intermediate 14N-[1-[4-(1-Bromoethyl)-2-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl]-6-chloro-1-benzothiophene-2-sulfonamide

- 5 The title compound was prepared from Intermediate 13 using the synthetic procedure described for Intermediate 10.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 531

Intermediate 15

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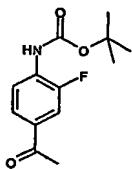
1,1-Dimethylethyl (4-bromo-2-fluorophenyl)carbamate

A solution of 4-bromo-2-fluoroaniline (40g) in toluene (120ml) was treated with di-tert-butyl dicarbonate (51g) and heated at 80°C under nitrogen for 19h. The reaction mixture

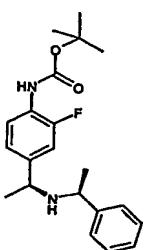
- 15 was cooled to ambient temperature and treated with a further portion of di-tert-butyl dicarbonate (10g) and heated at 80°C under nitrogen for 6h. The reaction mixture was cooled to ambient temperature and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with 9:1 cyclohexane:ethyl acetate. The product fractions were evaporated to dryness and the residue was

- 20 partitioned between DCM (250ml) and saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (200ml). The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was washed with DCM (50ml). The organic layers were combined, washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride (100ml), dried (sodium sulfate) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the title compound (61.22g) as a pale orange waxy solid.

- 25 ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 1.54 (9H, bs), 6.67 (1H, bs, 1H), 7.2-7.3 (2H, m), 8.01 (1H, m)

Intermediate 161,1-Dimethylethyl (4-acetyl-2-fluorophenyl)carbamate

- 5 A degassed solution of Intermediate 15 (30g) in DMF (260ml) and water (60ml) was treated sequentially with 1,3-bis(diphenylphosphino)propane (2.82g), palladium (II) acetate (0.696g), anhydrous potassium carbonate (16.92g) and butyl vinyl ether (66.9ml). The mixture was heated to 80°C under nitrogen for 6h, cooled to ambient temperature and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was partitioned between water (300ml) and ethyl acetate (400ml). The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was washed with ethyl acetate (200ml). The organic extracts were combined washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride (300ml), dried (over sodium sulfate) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The yellow residue was dissolved in MeCN (300ml) and treated with water (300ml) and formic acid (5ml). The reaction mixture was stirred at ambient
- 10 15 temperature for 2h and evaporated to remove the MeCN. The residue was partitioned between ethyl acetate (400ml) and saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (250ml). The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was washed with ethyl acetate (200ml). The organic extracts were combined, washed with saturated sodium chloride (200ml) dried (over sodium sulfate) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was mixed with cyclohexane (200ml) and solid was removed by filtration, washing with diethyl ether. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified on silica gel eluting with DCM to give the title compound (17.86g) as a colourless solid.
- 20 Mass spectrum: Found: MH⁺ 254

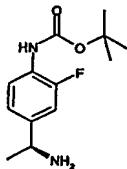
25 Intermediate 171,1-Dimethylethyl [2-fluoro-4-((1S)-1-[(1S)-1-phenylethyl]amino)ethyl]phenyl]carbamate

- A solution of Intermediate 16 (3.80g) in anhydrous toluene (60ml) was treated sequentially with (S)-1-phenylethylamine (2.32ml) and triethylamine (8.36ml). A 1M

solution of titanium (IV) chloride in toluene (8.25ml) was added over 1h and the dark suspension was stirred at ambient temperature under nitrogen for 19h. The suspension was filtered quickly and the solid was washed with dry toluene (30ml). The toluene solution was slowly added over 1h and 40 min to a stirred solution of sodium borohydride

- 5 (1.14g) in dry methanol (150ml) at -75°C under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at -75°C for 1h and 20 min and was then allowed to warm to -60°C over 30 min. Ice cold water was added to the reaction mixture over 30 min as it warmed to 0°C. 10% Aqueous ammonium chloride (10ml) was added over 30 min and the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and partitioned between saturated aqueous sodium 10 bicarbonate (80ml) and ethyl acetate (100ml, 50ml). The organic extracts were combined and dried (over sodium sulfate) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue (92:8 isomer ratio) was purified by RediSep™ silica chromatography (Combi Flash® Companion™) eluting with 10:1 cyclohexane : ethyl acetate to give the title compound (2.77g, >99:1 isomer ratio) as a colourless oil.
- 15 Mass spectrum: Found: MH⁺ 359

Intermediate 18



- 20 1,1-Dimethylethyl {4-[(1S)-1-aminoethyl]-2-fluorophenyl}carbamate
A mixture of Intermediate 17 (2.70g) and 5% palladium on carbon (1g) in ethanol (50ml) was treated with ammonium formate (4.75g) and stirred at ambient temperature for 5 min. The reaction mixture was then gradually heated to 65°C over 30 min and then held at 65°C for 1h. The reaction mixture was cooled and filtered to remove the catalyst. The 25 filtrate was evaporated to dryness to give the title compound (1.92g) as a colourless solid.
¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.38 (3H, d), 1.53 (9H, bs), 2.78 (2H, bs), 4.09 (1H, m), 6.70 (1H, bs), 7.08 (2H, m), 8.0 (1H, bm)

Intermediate 18

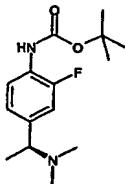
30 Method B

A solution of Intermediate 17 (92.5g) in ethanol (800 ml) containing 10% palladium on charcoal (Degussa E101 NE/W, 50% w/w water, 9.25g) was stirred at 55°C under

hydrogen at 50 p.s.i. for 5h. After cooling, the catalyst was filtered and the solvent evaporated to afford 59.5g of the title compound as a light grey solid.

Intermediate 19

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1,1-Dimethylethyl {4-[(1S)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl}carbamate

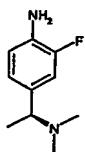
Intermediate 18 (1.92g) was cooled in an ice bath and slowly treated with formic acid (1.46ml) with stirring. The resulting suspension was treated with 37% aqueous formaldehyde (1.67ml) and the reaction mixture was heated to 70°C under nitrogen for 1h. The yellow solution was cooled to room temperature and carefully basified with saturated aqueous sodium carbonate solution (30ml) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 50ml). The organic extracts were combined, washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride (10ml), dried (over sodium sulfate) and evaporated to a yellow oil. Purification on a 50g silica SPE cartridge eluting with a gradient 20:1 to 7:1 ethyl acetate : methanol gave the title compound (1.31g) as a pale yellow oil.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH⁺ 283

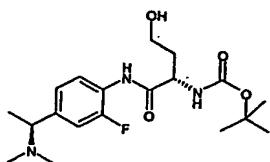
Intermediate 19

20 Method B

A solution of Intermediate 18 (59.5g) in methanol (450 ml) was mixed with formaldehyde solution (37% w/w in water, 173 ml) the solution heated at 70°C for two hours under nitrogen. This was cooled in an ice-salt bath and sodium borohydride pellets (70.3g) were added over 2 hours at such a rate that the temperature was kept below 10°C. This 25 solution was stirred to room temperature over 14h then quenched by the cautious addition of 200 ml of saturated aqueous ammonium chloride to the mixture with ice cooling. The solution volume was reduced to about 200 ml and the residue partitioned between water and DCM and extracted with a second 500ml portion of DCM. The combined organic fractions were washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate and purified on a BiotageTM 30 silica column eluting with a gradient of 5% to 10% methanol in DCM containing 0.5% v/v of aqueous ammonia, affording 49.5g of the title compound as a straw-coloured gum.

Intermediate 204-[(1S)-1-(Dimethylamino)ethyl]-2-fluoroaniline

- 5 A solution of Intermediate 19 (1.30g) in anhydrous methanol (50ml) was treated with 4M hydrogen chloride in dioxan (11.8ml) and stirred at ambient temperature for 18h. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified on 2 x 10g SCX SPE cartridges eluting with methanol to 1N methanolic ammonia to give the title compound (0.742g) as yellow oil.
- 10 ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 1.33 (3H, d), 2.19 (6H, s), 3.18 (1H, q), 3.65 (2H, bs), 6.72 (1H, m), 6.85 (1H, m), 6.95 (1H, m)

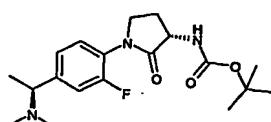
Intermediate 21

5 1,1-Dimethylethyl [(1S)-1-[(4-[(1S)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]2-fluorophenyl]amino)carbonyl]-3-hydroxypropyl]carbamate

A solution of Intermediate 20 (0.74g) in dry DCM (20ml) was stirred at ambient temperature under nitrogen and treated with a 2M solution of trimethylaluminium in heptane (2.5ml) over 15 min. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25–27°C for 15 min. A 10 solution of 1,1-dimethylethyl [(3S)-2-oxotetrahydro-3-furanyl]carbamate (0.817g) in dry DCM (5ml) was added over 15 min. The reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature, under nitrogen for 19h. The reaction mixture was treated with 10% aqueous sodium potassium tartrate (15ml) over 30 min and filtered through a hydrophobic frit. The aqueous layer was stirred with DCM (50ml) and filtered through the hydrophobic frit. The 15 combined DCM extracts were concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica SPE eluting with DCM:methanol:2N methanolic ammonia 100:10:1 to give the title compound (0.86g) as a cream foam.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH⁺ 384

20 Intermediate 22



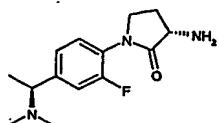
1,1-Dimethylethyl [(3S)-1-[(1S)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]2-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl]carbamate

25 A solution of Intermediate 21 (0.855g) in anhydrous THF (30ml) was stirred under nitrogen and cooled to 0°C. Tri-n-butylphosphine (0.667ml) was added followed by 1,1'-(azodicarbonyl)dipiperidine (0.675g) in four portions over 15 min. The slight suspension was stirred at 0°C for 30 min giving a thick suspension which was then stirred at ambient temperature for 20h. The reaction mixture was treated with cyclohexane (75ml), stirred 30 for 15 min and filtered to remove solid which was washed well with cyclohexane. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified on a 40g Biotage™ eluting with 20:1 DCM:methanol. Further purification on a 50g silica SPE

eluting with 50:1 to 10:1 DCM:methanol gradient gave the title compound (0.644g) product as a pale yellow foam.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH⁺ 366

5 Intermediate 23

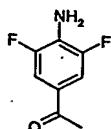


(3S)-3-Amino-1-{4-[1S]-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl}-2-fluorophenyl]-2-pyrrolidinone

- A solution of Intermediate 22 (0.633g) in methanol (20ml) was treated with 4M hydrogen chloride in dioxan (2.6ml) and stirred at ambient temperature for 18h. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified on a 50g SCX SPE cartridge eluting with methanol and then 2N methanolic ammonia to give the title compound (0.416g) as a pale yellow oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.33 (2H, d), 1.95 (1H, m), 2.21 (6H, s), 2.57 (1H, m), 3.23 (1H, m), 3.69 (2H, m), 3.81 (1H, m), 7.11 (2H, m), 7.37 (1H, m).

Intermediate 24



1-(4-Amino-3,5-difluorophenyl)ethanone

- A solution of 4-bromo-2,6-difluoroaniline (15g) in dry DMF (180ml) was degassed for 30min. Water (42ml) was added and the solution was further degassed for 10min. n-Butyl vinyl ether (46.60ml), 1,3-bis(diphenylphosphino)propane (1.96g), potassium carbonate (11.76g), and palladium (II) acetate (0.48g) were added and the mixture was stirred at 80°C under nitrogen for 6h and then at ambient temperature for 18h. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water. The separated organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was treated with MeCN (100ml), water (100ml) and formic acid (2ml) and stirred at ambient temperature for 45min. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and partitioned between DCM and saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution. The separated organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash vacuum chromatography (silica, eluting with

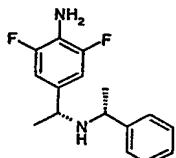
ether). Trituration with cyclohexane afforded a solid which was filtered and dried under vacuum at ambient temperature to give the title compound (10.47g) as a cream solid.

Mass spectrum: Found MH⁺ 172

H.p.l.c. R_f 2.27 min

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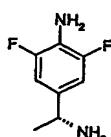
Intermediate 25



[(1R)-1-(4-Amino-3,5-difluorophenyl)ethyl][(1R)-1-phenylethyl]amine

- 10 Intermediate 24 (4.43g) was dissolved in dry toluene (100ml) and stirred under nitrogen at ambient temperature. (R)-1-phenylethylamine (4ml) and triethylamine (14.4ml) were added and then a solution of titanium (IV) chloride (14.24ml, 1M in toluene) was added dropwise below 25°C. The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 20h. The mixture was filtered and the filtrate was added dropwise to a solution of sodium borohydride (1.95g) in methanol (200ml) at -73°C whilst stirring under nitrogen. The mixture was further stirred for 2.5h and then quenched with ice water (50ml) below -25°C. The mixture was warmed to 0°C and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water. The organic layer was separated, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified using Biotage™ chromatography (silica, eluting with cyclohexane:ethyl acetate 9:1) to give the title compound (2.57g) as a colorless oil.
- 15 Mass spectrum: MH⁺ 277.
- 20 H.p.l.c. R_f 2.06 min

25 Intermediate 26



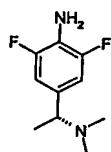
[(1R)-1-(4-Amino-3,5-difluorophenyl)ethyl]amine

- Intermediate 25 (2.56g) was dissolved in absolute ethanol (95ml) and degassed using a stream of nitrogen at ambient temperature. Ammonium formate (4.78g) and 10% palladium on carbon (0.50g) were added and the mixture was heated with stirring at 65°C

for 1.5h. The mixture was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified using Biotage™ chromatography (silica, eluting with cyclohexane:ether, 1:3 to DCM:methanol; aqueous ammonia, 9:1:2%) to give the title compound (1.22g) as a pale brown oil.

- 5 TLC (silica, chloroform:methanol:aqueous ammonia, 9:1:1) R_f 0.35

Intermediate 27

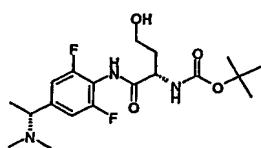


- 10 [(1*R*)-1-(4-Amino-3,5-difluorophenyl)ethyl]dimethylamine

A solution of Intermediate 26 (1.08g) in dry THF (21.6ml) was degassed whilst cooling in an ice bath. 37% aqueous formaldehyde (1.08ml) was added dropwise, followed by sequential addition of sodium triacetoxyborohydride (2.66g) and glacial acetic acid (0.216ml). The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 21h. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified using a pre-conditioned SCX SPE cartridge (50g/150ml) eluting with 5% aqueous ammonia / methanol and then using Biotage™ chromatography (silica, eluting with chloroform:methanol, 98:2 to 95:5) to give the title compound (0.374g) as a pale brown oil. TLC (silica, chloroform:methanol:aqueous ammonia, 9:1:1) R_f 0.16

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Intermediate 28



1,1-Dimethylethyl

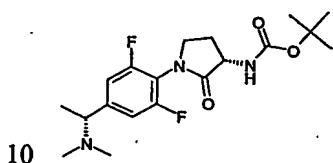
- 25 [(1*S*)-1-[(4-[(1*R*)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2,6-difluorophenyl)amino]carbonyl]-3-hydroxypropyl]carbamate

A solution of Intermediate 27 (0.374g) in DCM (4ml) was degassed at 10°C in an ice bath. Trimethylaluminium (1.12ml, 2M in heptane) was added dropwise below 20°C and the mixture was stirred for 30min at ambient temperature. A solution of 1,1-dimethylethyl [(3*S*)-2-oxotetrahydro-3-furanyl]carbamate (0.38g) in DCM (4ml) was added dropwise below 25°C. The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 20h. A further portion of trimethylaluminium (1.12ml, 2M in heptane) was added and the mixture was heated at reflux for 2h. The mixture was cooled in an ice bath and then 10% aqueous sodium potassium tartrate (7ml) was added dropwise over 10min. The mixture was diluted with DCM. The separated organic layer was passed through a hydrophobic frit and

concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified using Biotage™ chromatography (silica, gradient eluting with chloroform:methanol, 9:1 to chloroform:methanol: aqueous ammonia, 9:1:1%) to give the title compound (0.635g) as a white solid.

- 5 Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 402
H.p.l.c. R_f 1.84 min.

Intermediate 29

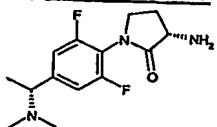


1,1-Dimethylethyl ((3S)-1-{4-[(1R)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2,6-difluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)carbamate

- To a solution of Intermediate 28 (0.635g) in dry THF (14ml) under nitrogen at 0°C was added solid 1,1'(azodicarbonyl)-dipiperidine (0.48g) and tri-n-butylphosphine (0.47ml).
15 The solution was allowed to warm to ambient temperature and stirred for 18h. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was partitioned between DCM and aqueous saturated sodium bicarbonate. The organic layer was passed through a hydrophobic frit and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified using Biotage™ chromatography (silica, gradient eluting with DCM to chloroform:methanol, 95:5 to 90:10:1% aqueous ammonia) to give the crude title compound (0.899g) as an orange oil.
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Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 384
H.p.l.c. R_f 2.04 min.

25 Intermediate 30



(3S)-3-Amino-1-{4-[(1R)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2,6-difluorophenyl}-2-pyrrolidinone

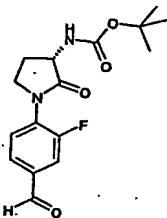
- Intermediate 29 (0.899g) was stirred in dry DCM (9ml) and trifluoroacetic acid (2.47ml) under nitrogen at ambient temperature for 2h. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified using SCX SPE (20g/60ml) eluting with DCM to 5% aqueous ammonia/methanol to give the title compound (0.036g) as a pale brown oil.
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Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 284

H.p.l.c. R_f 2.06 min

Intermediate 31

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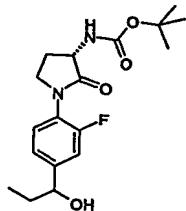
1,1-Dimethylethyl (3S)-1-(2-fluoro-4-formylphenyl)-2-oxopyrrolidin-3-ylcarbamate

Carbon monoxide was bubbled through a mixture of Intermediate 2 (4g), palladium (II) acetate (0.106g) and 1,1'-bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene (0.527g) in DMF (50ml) for 10min. Triethylamine (3.3ml) was added in one portion followed by triethylsilane (3ml) 10 added dropwise over 1h. The mixture was heated at 80°C for 1h. More palladium (II) acetate (0.53g), 1,1'-bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene (0.263g), triethylamine (1.65ml) and triethylsilane (1.5ml) were then added. More carbon monoxide was bubbled through the mixture for 10min. The mixture was heated under the carbon monoxide atmosphere for a further 2h. The cooled reaction mixture was quenched with brine (500ml) and extracted 15 with ethyl acetate (250ml). The organic extract was washed with brine (200ml), dried (magnesium sulfate) and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified on a silica SPE eluting with cyclohexane: ethyl acetate (3:1 to 13:7) to give the title compound (1.42g) as a creamy white solid.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 323

20 H.p.l.c. R_f 2.65min

Intermediate 32



25 1,1-Dimethylethyl (3S)-1-[2-fluoro-4-(1-hydroxypropyl)phenyl]-2-oxopyrrolidin-3-ylcarbamate

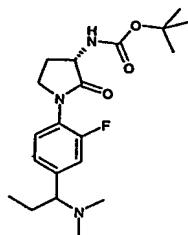
To a solution of Intermediate 31 (0.05g) in dry THF (1.5ml) at 0°C under nitrogen, was added a solution of ethylmagnesium chloride in THF (2M, 0.17ml) dropwise and stirred for 3h. The reaction was quenched at 0°C with saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (1ml), extracted with ethyl acetate (2X), dried, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified on a silica SPE eluted with cyclohexane: ethyl acetate (1:1 to 1:3) and then 100% ethyl acetate to give the title compound (0.038g).

Mass spectrum: Found: MH⁺ 353

H.p.l.c. R_t 2.68min

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Intermediate 33



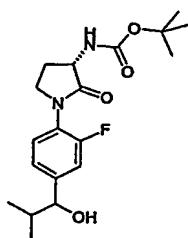
1,1-Dimethylethyl

15 ((3S)-1-{4-[1-(dimethylamino)propyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl) carbamate

Intermediate 32 (0.038g) in dry DCM (1ml) at 0°C was treated with triphenylphosphine (0.033g) and carbon tetrabromide (0.043g). The reaction was warmed up to ambient temperature and stirred for 2h under nitrogen. The mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was treated with 2N dimethylamine in THF (1ml) and stirred at ambient temperature overnight. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue partitioned between DCM and saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution. The separated organic layer was passed through a hydrophobic frit and re-concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified using SCX SPE (eluting with methanol to 10% ammonia/methanol to give the title compound (0.031g).

25 Mass spectrum: Found: MH⁺ 380

H.p.l.c. R_t 2.13min

Intermediate 34

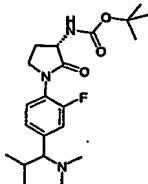
1,1-Dimethylethyl (3S)-1-[2-fluoro-4-(1-hydroxy-2-methylpropyl)phenyl]-2-oxopyrrolidin-3-ylcarbamate

The title compound was prepared from Intermediate 31 and isopropylmagnesium chloride using the procedure described for Intermediate 32.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 367

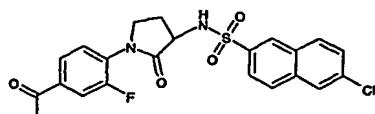
H.p.l.c. R_t 2.91min

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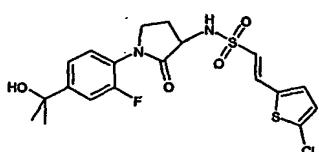
Intermediate 35

1,1-Dimethylethyl ((3S)-1-{4-[1-(dimethylamino)-2-methylpropyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)carbamate

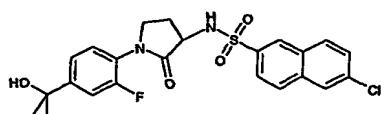
- 15 Intermediate 34 (0.064g) in dry DCM (1.7ml) at 0°C was treated with triphenylphosphine (0.055g) and carbon tetrabromide (0.070g). The reaction was warmed up to ambient temperature and stirred for 2h under nitrogen. The mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was treated with sodium iodide (0.003g), 2N dimethylamine in THF (3ml) and dimethoxyethane (1ml). The mixture was heated at 50°C under nitrogen
- 20 overnight. The cooled reaction mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue partitioned between DCM and saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution. The separated organic layer was passed through a hydrophobic frit and re-concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified using SCX SPE (eluting with methanol to 10% ammonia/methanol to give the title compound (0.021g).
- 25 Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 394
- H.p.l.c. R_t 2.22min

Intermediate 36N-[1-(4-Acetyl-2-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl]-6-chloro-2-naphthalenesulfonamide

- 5 The title compound was prepared from Intermediate 7 and 6-chloro-2-naphthalene sulfonyl chloride using the procedure described for Intermediate 8.
 Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 461
 H.p.l.c. R_t 3.37min

10 Intermediate 37(E)-2-(5-Chloro-2-thienyl)-N-[1-[2-fluoro-4-(1-hydroxy-1-methylethyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl]ethenesulfonamide

- 15 Titanium (IV) chloride (1M in DCM, 6.7ml) was added dropwise to anhydrous diethyl ether (25ml) at -78°C. Dimethyl zinc (1M in heptane, 6.7ml) was then added, keeping the temperature <-50°C. The mixture was allowed to warm to -30°C, and Intermediate 8 (990mg) was added dropwise as an anhydrous DCM solution (25ml). The mixture was then stirred for three hours at -20°C to -5°C, then quenched by addition to cold water.
 20 The mixture was extracted with diethyl ether, and the organic extracts dried (magnesium sulfate) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the title compound (1.03g).
 Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 459
 H.p.l.c. R_t 3.15min

25 Intermediate 386-Chloro-N-[1-[2-fluoro-4-(1-hydroxy-1-methylethyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl]-2-naphthalenesulfonamide

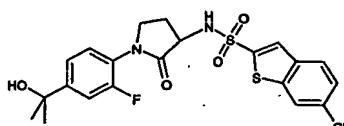
The title compound was prepared from Intermediate 36 using the procedure described for Intermediate 37.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 477

H.p.l.c. R_f 3.31min

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Intermediate 39



6-Chloro-N-{1-[2-fluoro-4-(1-hydroxy-1-methylethyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl}-1-

10 benzothiophene-2-sulfonamide

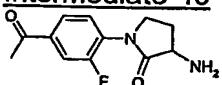
The title compound was prepared from Intermediate 12 using the procedure described for Intermediate 37.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 483

H.p.l.c. R_f 3.34min

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Intermediate 40



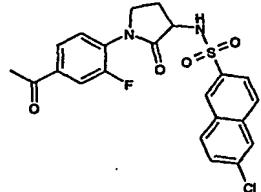
1-(4-Acetyl-2-fluorophenyl)-3-amino-2-pyrrolidinone

To a solution of 4-amino-3-fluoro-acetophenone (2.43g) in MeCN (60ml) at 0°C under

20 nitrogen, was added sodium phosphate (1.43g). The resulting mixture was treated dropwise with 2,4-dibromobutanoyl chloride (2.4ml) and stirred for 1h. Potassium carbonate (4.38g) was added and the mixture stirred for 18h, warming gradually to room temperature. The mixture was filtered through celite filter-aid, washed with MeCN (10ml) and the combined filtrates treated with 0.880 aqueous ammonia (30ml). The mixture was 25 heated to 40°C for 20h, then concentrated under reduced pressure, partitioning the residue between DCM and saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate. The separated organic layer was passed through a hydrophobic frit and concentrated under reduced pressure to give an orange oil which was purified by Biotage™ silica chromatography eluting with 400:10:1 then 200:10:1 DCM:Methanol:0.880 aqueous ammonia to give the 30 title compound (3.06g) as a yellow oil.

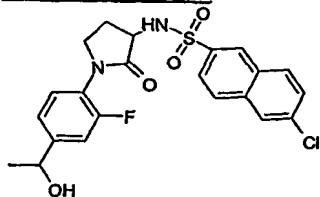
Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 237

H.p.l.c. R_f 0.84min

Intermediate 415 N-[1-(4-Acetyl-2-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl]-6-chloro-2-naphthalenesulfonamide

A suspension of Intermediate 40 (1.0g) in dry MeCN (40ml) was cooled to 0°C under nitrogen and treated with pyridine (0.685ml). 6-Chloro-2-naphthalenesulfonyl chloride (1.31g) was added portionwise over 20 min and the reaction mixture was stirred in the cooling bath for 4h and then stirred at ambient temperature for 18h. The mixture was

10 concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by Biotage™ silica chromatography eluting with a gradient of 3:1 to 1:1 cyclohexane:ethylacetate to give the title compound (1.37g) as a yellow solid.

Intermediate 42

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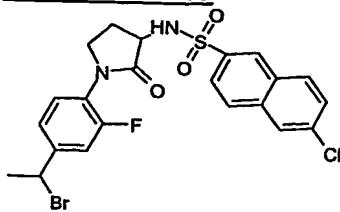
6-Chloro-N-{1-[2-fluoro-4-(1-hydroxyethyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl}-2-naphthalenesulfonamide

Intermediate 41 (1.36g) in dry methanol (30ml) was at 0°C treated with sodium borohydride (0.223g) and the mixture stirred at ambient temperature for 18h under

20 nitrogen. Additional sodium borohydride (0.07g) was added and the reaction stirred for a further 3h. The reaction was quenched with aqueous ammonium chloride (10ml) and concentrated under reduced pressure, partitioning the residue between DCM and saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate. The separated organic layer was passed through a hydrophobic frit and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the title compound
25 (1.40g) as a pale yellow foam.

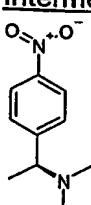
Mass spectrum: Found: MH⁺ 463

H.p.l.c. R_t 3.14min

Intermediate 43*N*-{1-[4-(1-Bromoethyl)-2-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl}-6-chloro-2-naphthalenesulfonamide

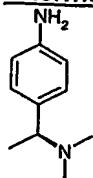
- 5 Intermediate 42 (1.37g) in dry DCM (40ml) at 0°C was treated with triphenylphosphine (1.07g) and stirred for 40min. To the mixture was added N-bromo-succinimide (0.65g) and the reaction stirred at 0-10°C for 1h then at ambient temperature for 2h. Additional triphenylphosphine (0.60g) was added followed by additional N-bromo-succinimide (0.45g) and the reaction stirred for 18h. The reaction mixture was applied directly to a pre-conditioned silica-SPE (50g), eluting with 3:1 then 1:1 cyclohexane:ethylacetate to give the title compound (1.44g) as a pink foam.
- 10 Mass spectrum: Found: MH⁺ 525

H.p.l.c. R_t 3.61min

15 Intermediate 44(1S)-N,N-Dimethyl-1-(4-nitrophenyl)ethanamine

The title compound was prepared from free-based (1S)-1-(4-nitrophenyl)ethanamine using the procedure described for Intermediate 19.

- 20 Mass spectrum: Found: MH⁺ 195
- H.p.l.c. R_t 0.8min

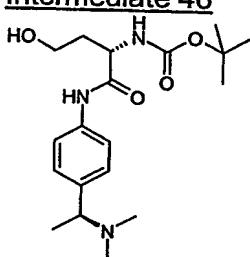
Intermediate 45

4-[(1S)-1-(Dimethylamino)ethyl]aniline

A solution of intermediate 44 (0.78g) in ethanol (20 ml) containing 10% palladium on charcoal (0.025g) was stirred under an atmosphere of hydrogen for 4h. The catalyst was filtered and the solvent evaporated prior to purification by silica chromatography, eluting with 10% methanol in chloroform containing 0.5% aqueous ammonia, which afforded (0.55g) of the title compound as a colourless oil.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 165

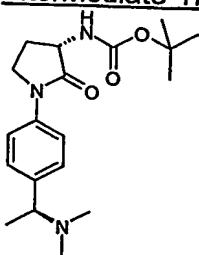
H.p.l.c. R_t 0.2min

10 Intermediate 461,1-Dimethylethyl {[(1S)-1-[(4-[(1S)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]phenyl]amino]carbonyl]-3-hydroxypropyl}carbamate

The title compound was prepared from intermediate 45 using the procedure described for
15 Intermediate 1.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 366

H.p.l.c. R_t 1.82min

Intermediate 47

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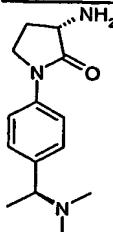
1,1-Dimethylethyl ((3S)-1-{4-[(1S)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]phenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)carbamate

The title compound was prepared from intermediate 46 using the procedure described for
Intermediate 2.

25 Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 348

H.p.l.c. R_t 1.98min

Intermediate 48



5 (3S)-3-Amino-1-{4-[(1S)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]phenyl}-2-pyrrolidinone

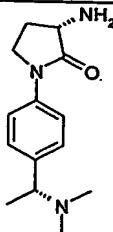
The title compound was prepared from **Intermediate 47** using the procedure described for **Intermediate 23**

Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 248

H.p.l.c. R_t 0.2min

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Intermediate 49



(3S)-3-Amino-1-{4-[(1R)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]phenyl}-2-pyrrolidinone

The title compound was prepared from **(1R)-1-(4-nitrophenyl)ethanamine** using the 15 procedures described for **Intermediates 44 to 48.**

Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 248

H.p.l.c. R_t 0.2min

Intermediate 50



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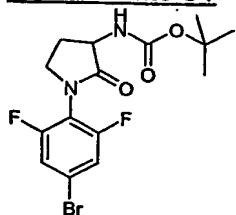
3-Amino-1-(4-bromo-2,6-difluorophenyl)-2-pyrrolidinone

The title compound was prepared from **4-bromo-2,6-difluoroaniline** using the procedure described for **Intermediate 40.**

Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 291/293

H.p.l.c. R_t 1.55min

Intermediate 51



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1,1-Dimethylethyl [1-(4-bromo-2,6-difluorophenyl)-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl]carbamate

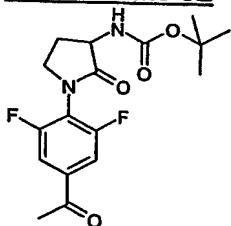
A solution of Intermediate 50 (2.9g) in DCM (100ml) was treated with bis(1,1-dimethylethyl) dicarbonate (2.4g) and the mixture stirred for 84h at room temperature.

- The crude solution was directly loaded onto 2 x 90g silica cartridges and these were
10 eluted with 1:3 ethyl acetate: cyclohexane, to give the title compound (3.1g) as a white solid.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 391/393

H.p.l.c. R_t 3.07min

15 Intermediate 52



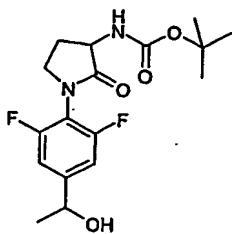
1,1-Dimethylethyl [1-(4-acetyl-2,6-difluorophenyl)-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl]carbamate

The title compound was prepared from Intermediate 51 using the procedure described for Intermediate 3

- 20 Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 355

H.p.l.c. R_t 2.78min

Intermediate 53



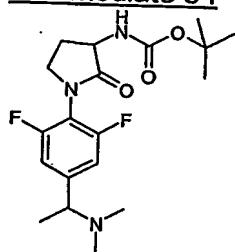
1,1-Dimethylethyl {1-[2,6-difluoro-4-(1-hydroxyethyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl}carbamate

The title compound was prepared from intermediate 52 using the procedure described for
5 Intermediate 9.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 357

H.p.l.c. R_f 2.64min

Intermediate 54



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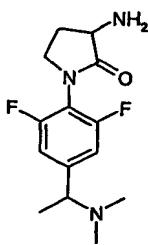
1,1-Dimethylethyl (1-{4-[1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2,6-difluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)carbamate

A solution of Intermediate 53 (0.305g) in DCM (20ml) and cooled to 0°C was treated with methanesulphonyl chloride (0.099ml) and triethylamine (0.179ml) and stirred for 15min at
15 that temperature. Dimethylamine (2M solution in THF, 2.5ml) was added to this and the mixture stirred overnight at room temperarture. Another aliquot of the dimethylamine solution (2.5ml) was added and stirring continued at room temperature for another 24h when all volatiles were removed. The residue was purified using pre-conditioned silica SPE (10g/50cc) eluting with ethyl acetate, then 10% methanol in chloroform containing
20 0.5% aqueous ammonia, to give the title compound (0.225g) as a colourless oil.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 384

H.p.l.c. R_f 2.09min

Intermediate 55



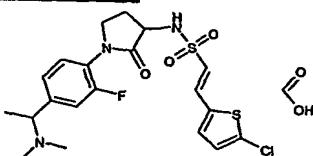
3-Amino-1-[4-[1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2,6-difluorophenyl]-2-pyrrolidinone

The title compound was prepared from Intermediate 54 using the procedure described for Intermediate 30.

5 Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 284

H.p.l.c. R_f 0.2min

Example 1

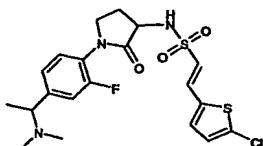


10 (E)-2-(5-Chloro-2-thienyl)-N-(1-[4-[1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)ethenesulfonamide formate (alternatively known as Formic acid - (E)-2-(5-chloro-2-thienyl)-N-(1-[4-[1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)ethenesulfonamide (1:1))

15 Intermediate 6 (0.019g) was stirred in 4M hydrogen chloride/ dioxan (3ml) at ambient temperature for 2h. The reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure to give an off white gum (0.019g). This material in dry MeCN (2ml) at 0°C was treated with DIPEA (0.031ml). The reaction was stirred for 5 min before a pre-cooled solution of (E)-2-(5-chloro-2-thienyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride (0.0136g) in dry MeCN (2ml) was added in 20 dropwise manner. Upon completion of addition, the mixture was stirred at 0°C for 2h, then warmed up and stirred at room temperature for 6h under nitrogen. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue partitioned between DCM and saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution. The separated organic layer was washed with water, passed through a hydrophobic frit and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was 25 purified by mass directed preparative h.p.l.c. to give the title compound (0.021g) as a white powder.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 472

H.p.l.c. R_f 2.38min

Example 1 (alternative procedure)

- 5 (E)-2-(5-Chloro-2-thienyl)-N-(1-{4-[1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)ethenesulfonamide GSK201106B

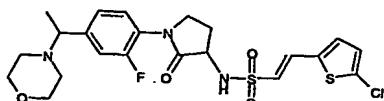
Intermediate 10 (0.066g) in dry THF (4ml) was treated with a 2N solution of dimethylamine in THF (0.143ml). The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 1.5h. After this period the reaction was heated to 45°C for 3h, before cooling to room temperature and stirring for 10 72h. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, partitioning the residue between DCM and saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution. The separated organic layer was washed with water, passed through a hydrophobic frit and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was loaded onto a pre-conditioned SCX SPE cartridge (2g/12cc) eluting the product with 10% aqueous ammonia / methanol to give the 15 title compound (0.021g) as a pink gummy solid.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH⁺ 472

H.p.l.c. R_t 2.34min

Example 2

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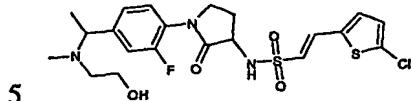
- (E)-2-(5-Chloro-2-thienyl)-N-(1-{2-fluoro-4-[1-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl]phenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)ethenesulfonamide GSK208232A

A solution of Intermediate 10 (30mg) in dry THF (3ml) was treated with morpholine (26ul). 25 The mixture was heated to 45°C for 18h, before allowing cooling to ambient temperature. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue partitioned between chloroform and saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution. The separated organic layer was passed through a hydrophobic frit and re-concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by mass directed preparative h.p.l.c. to give the title compound 30 (0.018g) as a white powder.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH⁺ 514

H.p.l.c. R_t 2.42min

Example 3



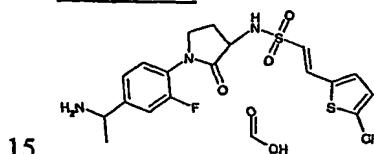
(E)-2-(5-Chloro-2-thienyl)-N-[1-(2-fluoro-4-{[1-[(2-hydroxyethyl)(methyl)amino]ethyl}phenyl)-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl]ethenesulfonamide
GSK208233A

The title compound was prepared from intermediate 10 and ethanolamine using the 10 procedure described in Example 2.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH⁺ 502

H.p.l.c. R_t 2.36min

Example 4



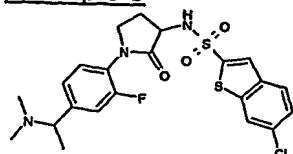
(E)-N-[1-{4-(1-Aminoethyl)-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl]-2-(5-chloro-2-thienyl)ethenesulfonamide formate GW 870017A

Intermediate 11 (0.065g) was treated with 6N aqueous hydrochloric acid (5ml). The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 18h, then heated to 50°C for 3h, before 20 allowing cooling to ambient temperature. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue partitioned between DCM and saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution. The separated organic layer was passed through a hydrophobic frit and re-concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by mass directed preparative h.p.l.c. to give the title compound (0.011g) as a white powder.

25 Mass spectrum: Found: MH⁺ 444

H.p.l.c. R_t 2.40min

Example 5



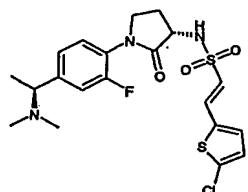
6-Chloro-N-(1-{4-[1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-1-benzothiophene-2-sulfonamide GSK242208A

The title compound was prepared from Intermediate 14 at room temperature using a similar synthetic procedure to that described for Example 1 (alternative procedure).

- 5 Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 496
H.p.l.c. R_f 2.44min

Example 6

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(E)-2-(5-Chloro-2-thienyl)-N-((3S)-1-{4-[1S)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)ethenesulfonamide GSK327898A

A solution of Intermediate 23 (0.10g) in dry MeCN (5ml) was cooled to 0°C under nitrogen and treated with DIPEA (131ul). A solution of (E)-2-(5-chloro-2-thienyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride (0.11g) in dry MeCN (2ml) was added slowly over 15 min. The reaction mixture was left stirring in the ice bath for 1h and the stirred at ambient temperature for 18h covered in foil. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was partitioned between DCM (15ml, 10ml) and saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (10ml). The separated organic extracts were combined, washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride, passed through a hydrophobic frit and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified on a 20g silica SPE cartridge eluting with DCM: methanol gradient (50:1 to 20:1) to give the title compound (0.104g) as a light brown foam.

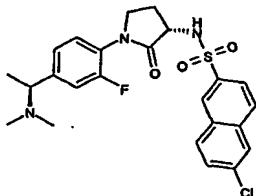
- 25 Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 472

1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ : 1.32 (3H, d), 2.05 (6H, s), 2.26 (1H, m), 2.75 (1H, m), 3.23 (1H, m), 3.72 (1H, t), 3.85 (1H, m), 4.14 (1H, m), 5.14 (1H, bs), 6.60 (1H, d), 6.90 (1H, d), 7.08 (1H, d, 1H), 7.12 (2H, m), 7.32 (1H, m, 1H), 7.51 (1H, d, 1H)

Hplc Chiralpak AD, 215nm, 15% EtOH/heptane 1.00ml/min R_t 45.25min

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Example 7



6-Chloro-N-((3S)-1-{4-[(1S)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-2-naphthalenesulfonamide GSK339796A

A solution of Intermediate 23 (0.050g) in dry MeCN (5ml) was cooled to 0°C under nitrogen and treated with DIPEA (65.6ul). Solid 6-chloro-2-naphthalenesulfonyl chloride (0.059g) was added in two portions over 10 min and the reaction mixture was stirred in the cooling bath for 2h and then stirred at ambient temperature for 18h. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was partitioned between DCM and saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate. The separated organic extracts were combined, washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride, passed through a hydrophobic frit and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified on a 20g silica SPE cartridge eluting with DCM:methanol gradient (33:1 to 20:1) to give the title compound (0.065g) as a colourless solid.

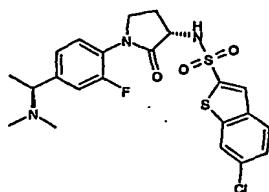
Mass spectrum: Found: MH⁺ 490

15 ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.30 (3H, d), 2.18 (6H, s, 6H), 2.26 (1H, m), 2.75 (1H, m), 3.20 (1H, m), 3.69 (1H, t), 3.79 (1H, m), 3.92 (1h, m), 5.45 (1H, bs), 7.09 (2H, m), 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.57 (1H, dd), 7.93 (3H, m), 8.49 (1H, s)

Hplc Chiralcel OJ, 215nm, 25%EtOH/heptane 1.00ml/min R_t 15.27min

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Example 8 GSK335090A



25 6-Chloro-N-((3S)-1-{4-[(1S)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-1-benzothiophene-2-sulfonamide

A solution of Intermediate 23 (0.05g) in dry MeCN (5ml) was cooled to 0°C under nitrogen and treated with DIPEA (65.6ul). Solid 6-chloro-1-benzothiophene-2-sulfonyl chloride (0.060g) was added in four portions over 10 min and the reaction mixture was stirred in the cooling bath for 2h and then stirred at ambient temperature for 18h. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was partitioned between DCM and saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate. The separated organic extracts were combined,

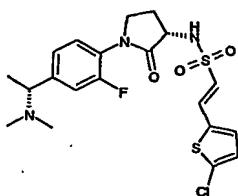
washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride, passed through a hydrophobic frit and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified on a 20g silica SPE cartridge eluting with DCM:methanol gradient (33:1 to 20:1). The residue was partitioned between saturated aqueous sodium carbonate and DCM. The organic extracts were combined and washed with aqueous saturated sodium chloride, passed through a hydrophobic frit and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified on a 10g SCX SPE cartridge eluting with methanol to 2N methanolic ammonia to give the title compound (0.064g) as a cream foam.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 496

10 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ : 1.31(3H, d), 2.19 (6H, s), 2.31 (1H, m), 2.79 (1H, m), 3.21 (1H, m), 3.71 (1H, m), 3.83 (1H, m), 4.08 (1H, m), 5.53 (1H, bs), 7.11 (2H, m), 7.29 (1H, m), 7.43 (1H, dd), 7.82 (2H, m), 7.93 (1H, s)

15 Using (R)-1-phenylethylamine in the imine formation (Intermediate 17), Examples 9, 10 and 11 were prepared in an analogous manner to Examples 6,7 and 8.

Example 9



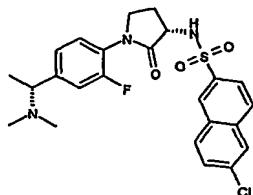
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(E)-2-(5-Chloro-2-thienyl)-N-((3S)-1-{4-[(1R)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)ethenesulfonamide GSK327458A

Mass spectrum: Found MH^+ 472

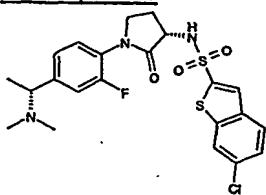
1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ : 1.39 (3H, bm), 2.28 (7H, m), 2.75 (1H, m), 3.25-3.35 (1H, bm), 3.72 (1H, t), 3.85 (1H, m), 4.14 (1H, m), 5.13 (1H, bs), 6.59 (1H, d), 6.90 (1H, d), 7.09 (1H, d), 7.18 (2H, m), 7.35 (1H, m), 7.52 (1H, d)

Hplc Chiralpak AD, 215nm, 15% EtOH/heptane 1.00ml/min R_t 39.77min

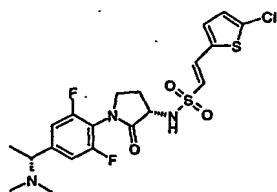
Example 10 GSK337702A6-Chloro-N-((3S)-1-{4-[(1R)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-2-naphthalenesulfonamide5 Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 490

^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 1.37 (3H, bm), 2.25 (7H, m), 2.75 (1H, m), 3.25 – 3.35 (1H, bm), 3.69 (1H, t), 3.79 (1H, m), 3.92 (1H, m), 5.47 (1H, bs), 7.13 (2H, bs), 7.30 (2H, m), 7.58 (1H, dd), 7.93 (3H, m), 8.50 (1H, s)

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Example 116-Chloro-N-((3S)-1-{4-[(1R)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-1-benzothiophene-2-sulfonamide GSK337701A15 Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 496

^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 1.40 (3H, m), 2.29 (7H, s), 2.80 (1H, m), 3.30 (1H, bm), 3.73 (1H, m), 3.85 (1H, m), 4.09 (1H, m), 5.57 (1H, bs), 7.19 (2H, bm), 7.35 (1H, bm), 7.45 (1H, dd), 7.83 (2H, m), 7.93 (1H, s)

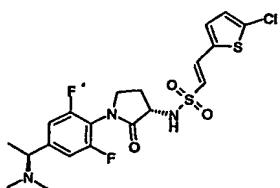
20 Example 12(E)-2-(5-Chloro-2-thienyl)-N-((3S)-1-{4-[(1R)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2,6-difluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)ethenesulfonamide

25 A solution of Intermediate 30 (0.036g) in dry acetonitrile (1.74ml), and DIPEA (0.045ml) was cooled to 0°C. (E)-2-(5-chloro-2-thienyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride (0.031g) was added

and the mixture was shaken on a shaker-bed at ambient temperature for 18h and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was partitioned between DCM and water. The organic layer was passed through a hydrophobic frit and concentrated using a stream of nitrogen. The residue was purified using pre-conditioned silica SPE (10g/60ml) eluting with DCM to DCM:methanol, 90:10) to give the title compound (0.01g) as a pale brown oil.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 490
H.p.l.c. R_f 2.36 min.

10 Example 13

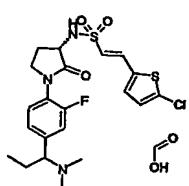


(E)-2-(5-Chloro-2-thienyl)-N-((3S)-1-{4-[1S)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2,6-difluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)ethenesulfonamide GSK397418A

15 The title compound was prepared in the same way as Example 12 except using (S)-1-phenylethylamine in the formation of Intermediate 25.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 490
H.p.l.c. R_f 2.40 min

20 Example 14



(E)-2-(5-Chloro-2-thienyl)-N-((3S)-1-{4-[1-(dimethylamino)propyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)ethenesulfonamide formate GSK268880A

25 Intermediate 33 (0.031g) in a mixture of trifluoroacetic acid (3ml) and DCM (7ml) was allowed to stand at ambient temperature for 2h. The reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure to give a residue which was dissolved in dry MeCN (1ml). The resultant solution was treated with DIPEA (0.068ml) and (E)-2-(5-chloro-2-thienyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride (0.023g) and then stirred at ambient temperature overnight. Solvent was removed

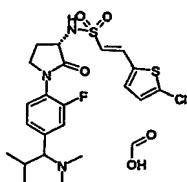
under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by mass directed preparative h.p.l.c. to give the title compound (0.01g).

Mass spectrum: Found: MH⁺ 486

H.p.l.c. R_t 3.50min

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Example 15



(E)-2-(5-Chloro-2-thienyl)-N-((3S)-1-{4-[1-(dimethylamino)-2-methylpropyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)ethenesulfonamide formate GSK268458A

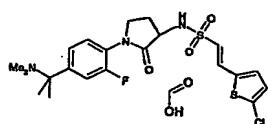
The title compound was prepared using Intermediate 35 and the procedure described for Example 14.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH⁺ 500

H.p.l.c. R_t 2.55min

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Example 16



(E)-2-(5-Chloro-2-thienyl)-N-(1-{4-[1-(dimethylamino)-1-methylethyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)ethenesulfonamide formate GSK309177A

Hydrogen chloride gas was bubbled through a suspension of zinc chloride (1.5g) in anhydrous DCM (30ml) at 0°C for 30 min. Intermediate 37 (1.0g) was added as a anhydrous DCM solution (15ml), and HCl gas addition was continued for a further 30 min. The reaction was then filtered, and the mixture concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was treated with dimethylamine (9ml of a 2M solution in THF) and the resulting mixture heated to 75°C overnight in a sealed tube. Following cooling to room temperature, the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue partitioned between DCM and saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate. The organic layer was separated, reduced to minimal volume, then purified via SCX SPE chromatography,

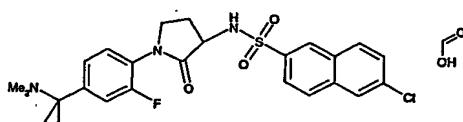
eluting with 10% methanolic ammonia. Further purification via mass directed preparative h.p.l.c. gave the title compound (4mg).

Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 486

H.p.l.c. R_t 2.44min

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Example 17



10 6-Chloro-N-(1-{4-[1-(dimethylamino)-1-methylethyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-2-naphthalenesulfonamide formate GSK289388A

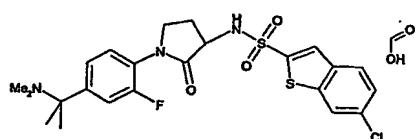
The title compound was prepared from Intermediate 38 using the procedure described for Example 16.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 504

H.p.l.c. R_t 2.55min

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Example 18



20 6-Chloro-N-(1-{4-[1-(dimethylamino)-1-methylethyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-1-benzothiophene-2-sulfonamide formate GSK301071A

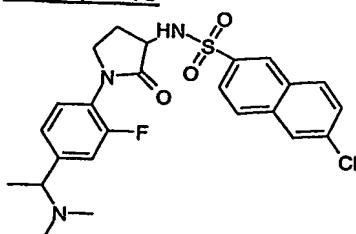
The title compound was prepared from Intermediate 39 using the procedure described for Example 16.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 510

H.p.l.c. R_t 2.63min

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Example 19

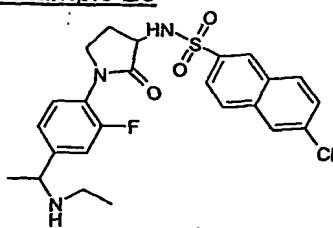


6-Chloro-N-(1-[4-[1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-2-naphthalenesulfonamide

A solution of Intermediate 43 (0.052g) in dry THF (2ml) at 0°C under nitrogen was treated with 2N dimethylamine in THF (1ml) and stirred for 2.5days warming gradually to ambient temperature. The reaction was evaporated under a flow of nitrogen and the residue purified on a pre-conditioned silica SPE (10g) eluting with 300:10:1 DCM:Methanol:0.880 Aqueous ammonia to give the title compound (0.045g) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.30 (3H, d), 2.18 (6H, s, 6H), 2.26 (1H, m), 2.75 (1H, m), 3.20 (1H, m), 3.69 (1H, t), 3.79 (1H, m), 3.94 (1H, m), 5.50 (1H, bs), 7.09 (2H, m), 7.26 (1H, m), 7.57 (1H, dd), 7.93 (4H, m), 8.49 (1H, s)

Example 20



15 6-Chloro-N-(1-[4-[1-(ethylamino)ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-2-naphthalenesulfonamide

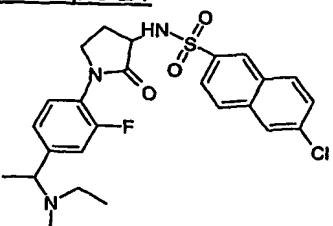
The title compound was prepared from Intermediate 43 and 2M ethylamine in THF using the procedure described for Example 19.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH⁺ 490

H.p.l.c. R_t 2.56min

²⁰ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.07 (3H, t), 1.31(3H, d), 2.26(1H, m), 2.42 - 2.57(2H, m), 2.75(1H, m), 3.68(1H, m), 3.77(2H, m), 3.93(1H, m) 7.12 (2H, m), 7.26 (1H, m), 7.57 (1H, dd), 7.93 (4H, m), 8.49 (1H, s)

Example 21



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6-Chloro-N-[1-(4-[1-(ethyl(methyl)amino)ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl]-2-naphthalenesulfonamide

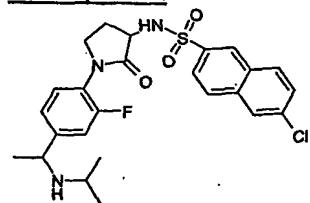
The title compound was prepared from Intermediate 43 and ethylmethylamine using the procedure described for Example 19.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 504

H.p.l.c. R_t 2.55min

5 ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 1.02(3H, bm), 1.30(3H, bm), 2.18(3H, bs), 2.26(1H, m), 2.35(1H, bm), 2.49(1H, bm), 2.75(1H, m), 3.52(1H, bm), 3.69(1H, m), 3.78(1H, m), 3.94(1H, m), 5.45(1H, bm), 7.12 (2H, m), 7.26 (1H, m), 7.57 (1H, dd), 7.93 (4H, m), 8.49 (1H, s)

Example 22



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6-Chloro-N-[1-(2-fluoro-4-{1-[(1-methylethyl)amino]ethyl}phenyl)-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl]-2-naphthalenesulfonamide

The title compound was prepared from Intermediate 43 and (1-methylethyl)amine using the procedure described for Example 19.

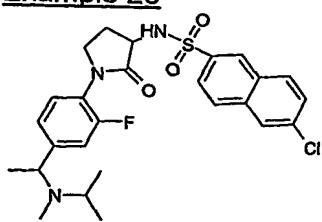
15 Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 504

H.p.l.c. R_t 2.59min

^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 1.00(6H, m), 1.30(3H, d), 2.27(1H, m), 2.61(1H, m), 2.75(1H, m), 3.68(1H, m), 3.79(1H, m), 3.91(2H, m), 7.12 (2H, m), 7.26 (1H, m), 7.57 (1H, dd), 7.93 (4H, m), 8.49 (1H, s)

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Example 23



6-Chloro-N-[1-(2-fluoro-4-{1-[(1-methylethyl)amino]ethyl}phenyl)-2-oxo-3-

pyrrolidinyl]-2-naphthalenesulfonamide

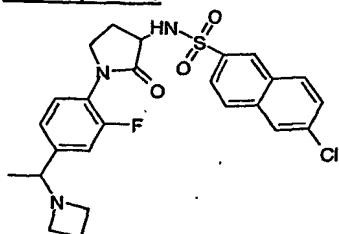
The title compound was prepared from Intermediate 43 and methyl(1-methylethyl)amine using the procedure described for Example 19.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 518

H.p.l.c. R_t 2.58min

^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 1.14(3H, d), 2.02(2H, m), 2.26(1H, m), 2.74(1H, m), 3.13(4H, m), 3.24(1H, m), 3.68(1H, m), 3.78(1H, m), 3.93(1H, m), 5.45(1H, bs), 7.12 (2H, m), 7.26 (m, 5 1H), 7.57 (1H, dd), 7.93 (4H, m), 8.49 (1H, s)

Example 24



- 10 *N*-(1-{4-[1-(1-Azetidinyl)ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-6-chloro-2-naphthalenesulfonamide

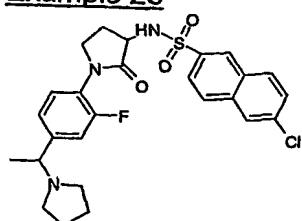
The title compound was prepared from Intermediate 43 and azetidine using the procedure described for Example 19.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 502

- 15 H.p.l.c. R_t 2.55min

^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 0.95(6H, m), 1.26(3H, d), 2.10(3H, s), 2.26(1H, m), 2.75(1H, m), 2.90(1H, m), 3.59(1H, m), 3.68(1H, m), 3.79(1H, m), 3.93(1H, m), 7.10 (2H, m), 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.58 (1H, dd), 7.93 (4H, m), 8.49 (1H, s)

- 20 Example 25



- 6-Chloro-N-(1-{2-fluoro-4-[1-(1-pyrrolidinyl)ethyl]phenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-2-naphthalenesulfonamide

The title compound was prepared from Intermediate 43 and pyrrolidine using the 25 procedure described for Example 19.

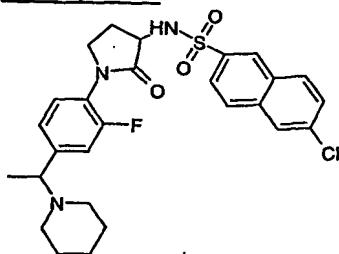
Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 516

H.p.l.c. R_t 2.65min

^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 1.35(3H, d), 1.76(4H, bm), 2.26(1H, m), 2.38(2H, bm), 2.51(2H, bm), 2.74(1H, m), 3.17(1H, m), 3.68(1H, m), 3.79(1H, m), 3.93(1H, m), 5.45(1H, bs), 7.13 (2H, m), 7.24 (1H, m), 7.58 (1H, dd), 7.93 (4H, m), 8.49 (1H, s)

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Example 26



6-Chloro-N-(1-[2-fluoro-4-[1-(1-piperidinyl)ethyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-2-naphthalenesulfonamide

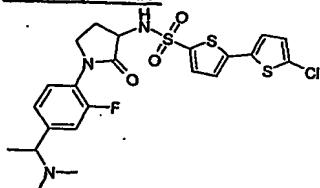
The title compound was prepared from Intermediate 43 and piperidine using the procedure described for Example 19.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 530

H.p.l.c. R_t 2.68min

15 ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 1.29(3H, d), 1.38(2H, m), 1.54(4H, m), 2.21-2.42(5H, bm), 2.75(1H, m), 3.35(1H, m), 3.67(1H, m), 3.79(1H, m), 3.93(1H, m), 5.45(1H, bs), 7.11 (2H, m), 7.23 (1H, m), 7.58 (1H, dd), 7.93 (4H, m), 8.49 (1H, s).

Example 27



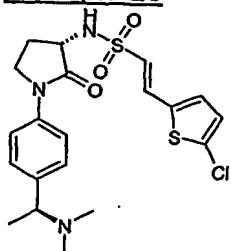
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5'-Chloro-N-((3S)-1-{4-[1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2-fluorophenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-2,2'-bithiophene-5-sulfonamide

The title compound was prepared from Intermediate 6 and 5'-chloro-2,2'-bithiophene-5-sulfonyl chloride using the procedure described for Example 1.

25 Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 528

H.p.l.c. R_t 2.66min

Example 28

(E)-2-(5-Chloro-2-thienyl)-N-((3S)-1-{4-[(1S)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]phenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)ethenesulfonamide formate

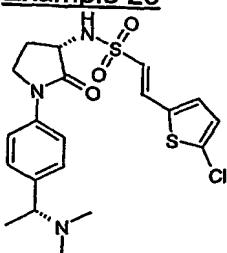
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The title compound was prepared from Intermediate 48 and (E)-2-(5-chloro-2-thienyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride using the procedure described for Example 6 followed by purification using mass directed preparative h.p.l.c.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 454

10 H.p.l.c. R_f 2.39min

1H NMR (MeOD- d_3) 1.70 (3H, d), 2.08 (1H, m), 2.63 (1H, m), 2.72 (6H, s), 3.85 (2H, m), 4.33 (1H, m), 4.40 (1H, m), 6.91 (1H, d), 7.00 (1H, d), 7.22 (1H, d), 7.50 (1H, d), 7.52 (2H, d) 7.79 (2H, d), 8.40 (1H, bs)

15 Example 29

(E)-2-(5-Chloro-2-thienyl)-N-((3S)-1-{4-[(1R)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]phenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)ethenesulfonamide formate

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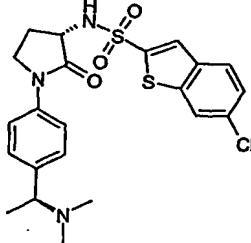
20 The title compound was prepared from Intermediate 49 and (E)-2-(5-chloro-2-thienyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride using the procedure described for Example 6 followed by purification using mass directed preparative h.p.l.c.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 454

H.p.l.c. R_f 2.38min

¹H NMR (MeOD-d₃) 1.70 (3H, d), 2.08 (1H, m), 2.63 (1H, m), 2.74 (6H, s), 3.85 (2H, m), 4.33 (1H, m), 4.43 (1H, m), 6.91 (1H, d), 7.00 (1H, d), 7.22 (1H, d), 7.50 (1H, d), 7.52 (2H, d) 7.79 (2H, d), 8.37 (1H, bs)

5 Example 30(GSK324496A)

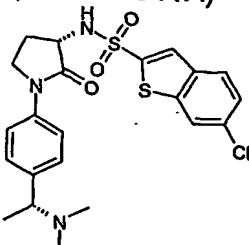


6-Chloro-N-((3S)-1-{4-[(1S)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]phenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-1-benzothiophene-2-sulfonamide formate

- The title compound was prepared from Intermediate 48 and 6-chloro-1-benzothiophene-2-sulfonyl chloride using the procedure described for Example 8 followed by purification using mass directed preparative h.p.l.c.
- Mass spectrum: Found: MH⁺ 478
H.p.l.c. R_t 2.58min
¹H NMR (MeOD-d₃) 1.69 (3H, d), 1.99 (1H, m), 2.51 (1H, m), 2.73 (6H, s), 3.80 (2H, m), 4.41 (2H, m), 7.46 (1H, m), 7.49 (2H, d), 7.74 (2H, d), 7.92 (1H, d), 8.01 (2H, m), 8.31 (1H, bs)

Example 31

(GSK319341A)



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6-Chloro-N-((3S)-1-{4-[(1R)-1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]phenyl}-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-1-benzothiophene-2-sulfonamide formate

- The title compound was prepared from Intermediate 49 and 6-chloro-1-benzothiophene-2-sulfonyl chloride using the procedure described for Example 8 followed by purification using mass directed preparative h.p.l.c.

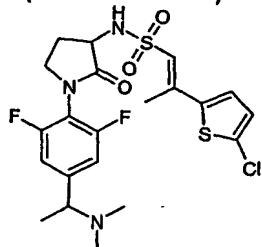
Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 478

H.p.l.c. R_t 2.58min

1H NMR (MeOD- d_3) 1.69 (3H, d), 2.01 (1H, m), 2.51 (1H, m), 2.72 (6H, s), 3.80 (2H, m), 4.42 (2H, m), 7.47 (1H, m), 7.49 (2H, d), 7.74 (2H, d), 7.91 (1H, d), 8.01 (2H, m), 8.37 5 (1H, bs)

Example 32

(GSK259556A)



10 (1E)-2-(5-Chloro-2-thienyl)-N-(1-[4-[1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2,6-difluorophenyl]-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-1-propene-1-sulfonamide formate

The title compound was prepared using Intermediate 55 and (1E)-2-(5-chloro-2-thienyl)-1-propene-1-sulfonyl chloride using the procedure described for Example 6, followed by purification using mass directed preparative h.p.l.c.

15 Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 504

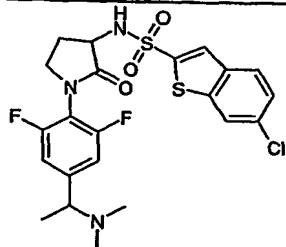
H.p.l.c. R_t 2.49min

1H NMR (MeOD- d_3) δ 1.65 (3H, d), 2.21 (1H, m), 2.47 (3H, d), 2.67 (1H, m), 2.72 (6H, s), 3.70 (1H, bm), 3.79 (1H, m), 4.33 (1H, bm), 4.46 (1H, dd), 6.93 (1H, bm), 6.97 (1H, d), 7.26 (1H, d), 7.31 (2H, bm), 8.19 (1H, bs)

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Example 33

6-Chloro-N-(1-[4-[1-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2,6-difluorophenyl]-2-oxo-3-pyrrolidinyl)-1-benzothiophene-2-sulfonamide formate (GSK259555A)



The title compound was prepared from Intermediate 55 and 6-chloro-1-benzothiophene-2-sulfonyl chloride using the procedure described for Example 8 followed by purification using mass directed preparative h.p.l.c.

Mass spectrum: Found: MH^+ 514

5 H.p.l.c. R_t 2.57min

1H NMR (MeOD- d_3) δ 1.65 (3H, m), 2.12 (1H, m), 2.55 (1H, m), 2.72 (6H, s), 3.64 (1H, bm), 3.73 (1H, m), 4.38 (1H, bm), 4.48 (1H, dd), 7.31 (2H, bm), 7.45 (1H, d), 7.91 (1H, d), 8.00 (2H, bm), 8.20 (1H, bs)

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In vitro assay for inhibition of Factor Xa

Compounds of the present invention were tested for their Factor Xa inhibitory activity as determined *in vitro* by their ability to inhibit human Factor Xa in a fluorogenic assay, using Rhodamine 110, bis-CBZ-glycylglycyl-L-arginine amide as the fluorogenic substrate.

15 Compounds were diluted from a 10mM stock solution in dimethylsulfoxide at appropriate concentrations. Assay was performed at room temperature using buffer consisting of: 50mM Tris-HCl, 150mM NaCl, 5mM CaCl₂, pH 7.4 containing human Factor Xa (final concentration of 0.0003U.ml-1). Compound and enzyme were preincubated for 15min prior to addition of the substrate (final concentration of 10 μ M). The reaction was stopped 20 after 3 hrs with the addition of H-D-Phe-Pro-Arg-Chloromethylketone. An L JL-Analyst fluorimeter was used to monitor fluorescence with 485 nm excitation/535 nm emission. To obtain IC₅₀ values the data were analysed using ActivityBase® and XLfit®.

Calculation of Ki values:

25 $Ki = IC_{50}/(1 + [Substrate]/K_m)$

The Ki value for the above assay can be obtained by dividing the IC₅₀ value by 1.6.

All of the synthetic Example compounds tested by the above described *in vitro* assay were found to exhibit Factor Xa inhibitory activity. Preferably, compounds have a Ki value of 30 less than 1 μ M. More preferably, compounds have a Ki value of less than 0.1 μ M. Most preferably, compounds have a Ki value of less than 10nM (e.g. Examples 1-18).

Method for measurement of Prothrombin Time (PT)

35 Blood was collected into a sodium citrate solution (ratio 9:1) to give a final concentration of 0.38% citrate. Plasma was generated by centrifugation of citrated blood samples at 1200 $\times g$ for 20min at 4°C and stored at -20°C until use. PT analysis was conducted using plasma pooled from 4 separate donors (2 male and 2 female).

The PT test was performed using the BCS Coagulation Analyzer (Dade Behring). For assay, 50 ul of plasma containing test compound at concentrations ranging from 0.03 to 100uM (made from a 100uM stock containing 1% DMSO in plasma) was combined with 5 100ul of Thromboplastin C Plus (Dade Behring). Upon addition of the reagents, absorbance at 405nm was monitored and time to clot formation is determined (normal range for human plasma is 10.6-12.4 seconds).

All of the synthetic Example compounds tested by the above described assay were found 10 to exhibit activity.

General purification and analytical methods

LC/MS Method

15 Analytical HPLC was conducted on a Supelcosil LCABZ+PLUS column (3 μ m, 3.3cm x 4.6mm ID) eluting with 0.1% HCO₂H and 0.01M ammonium acetate in water (solvent A), and 95% MeCN and 0.05% HCO₂H in water (solvent B), using the following elution gradient 0-0.7 min 0%B, 0.7-4.2 min 0→100%B, 4.2-5.3 min 100%B, 5.3-5.5 min 100→0%B at a flow rate of 3 ml/min (System 1). The mass spectra (MS) were recorded 20 on a Fisons VG Platform mass spectrometer using electrospray positive ionisation [(ES+ve to give MH⁺ and M(NH₄)⁺ molecular ions] or electrospray negative ionisation [(ES-ve to give (M-H)⁻ molecular ion] modes.

25 ¹H nmr spectra were recorded using a Bruker DPX 400MHz spectrometer, using tetramethylsilane as the external standard.

Biotage™ chromatography refers to purification carried out using equipment sold by Dyax Corporation (either the Flash 40i or Flash 150i) and cartridges pre-packed with KPSiL™.

30 Mass directed preparative h.p.l.c. refers to methods where the material was purified by high performance liquid chromatography on a HPLCABZ+ 5 μ m column (5cm x 10mm internal diameter) with 0.1% HCO₂H in water and 95% MeCN, 5% water (0.5% HCO₂H) utilising the following gradient elution conditions: 0-1.0 min 5%B, 1.0-8.0 min 5→30%B, 8.0-8.9 min 30%B, 8.9-9.0 min 30→95%B, 9.0-9.9 min 95%B, 9.9-10 min 95→0%B at a 35 flow rate of 8ml min⁻¹ (System 2). The Gilson 202-fraction collector was triggered by a VG Platform Mass Spectrometer on detecting the mass of interest.

Hydrophobic frits refers to filtration tubes sold by Whatman.

SPE (solid phase extraction) refers to the use of cartridges sold by International Sorbent Technology Ltd. Silica SPE and SCX SPE were used.

The internal diameter of the Chiralpak OD and Chiralcel OJ columns is 0.46 X 25cm

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RediSepTM silica refers to pre-packed silica cartridges sold by ISCO Inc.

Combi Flash^R CompanionTM refers to an automated purification system sold by ISCO Inc.

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